

Report for the Labour-Management Network February 2023

Monthly Statistics

Reporting Month	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
December 1 – 31, 2022	1	29	30
December 1 – 31, 2021	2	22	24

Fatality & Critical Injury Year-to-Date Overview – Construction

Reporting Months	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
2022 Jan. 1 – Dec. 31	18	371	389
2021 Jan. 1 – Dec. 31	22	323	345

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Disclaimer: This information has been prepared to assist workplace parties in understanding their rights and duties under the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) and its regulations. This information does not constitute legal advice. To determine your rights and duties under the OHSA, please contact your legal counsel or refer to the legislation.

Section 1 – Senior Manager's Comment

This winter has been an odd one to say the least. In many parts of the province we have seen multiple freeze/thaw cycles with bouts of snow and rain in between. These weather patterns have led to a significant accumulation of water and ice where we would normally see snow. This has created some challenges with worse than average conditions involving freezing mud and ice accumulation. For many projects this has meant that more time be spent on general housekeeping and maintenance of walkways to and from work areas. The maintenance of these walkways is critical in reducing slip, trip and fall related injuries.

Additionally, workplace parties are also reminded to inspect all areas and equipment being used on the project for ice accumulation. This includes ice in excavations, on buildings and within equipment. A thorough inspection should be performed to ensure all equipment is functioning properly and any ice that has accumulated on vertical surfaces is appropriately addressed or the areas restricted so that workers are not endangered by falling ice.

Every year we have multiple critical injuries and some fatalities as a direct result of winter conditions. All workplace parties have the duty to report unsafe conditions which in-turn must be dealt with appropriately.

Sincerely,

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Section 2 – What's New

[Skilled Trades Ontario marks one-year anniversary](#)

Skilled Trades Ontario (STO), Ontario's agency responsible for apprenticeship and skilled trades certification, is celebrating its one-year anniversary by updating training and curriculum standards. With one-quarter of all apprentices in Canada training in Ontario, STO is delivering on its mandate of increasing labour mobility and improving training standards for apprentices and skilled trades workers.

[Learn more](#)

[Let's talk about mental health](#)

January 25 is Bell Let's Talk Day. Mental health challenges can affect anyone, and mental health is just as important as physical health. [Support is available.](#)

In the workplace, an employer cannot fire a worker, or deny them a job or promotion, because of a mental health issue or other disability. The [Occupational Health and Safety Act](#) sets out the [rights and duties](#) of workers, supervisors and employers when dealing with workplace violence and workplace harassment. If a worker experiences chronic or traumatic work-related mental stress they may be entitled to compensation under the [Workplace Safety and Insurance Act](#).

[Learn about mental health in the workplace](#) | [Find mental health support](#)

[Upcoming MLITSD inspector recruitment](#)

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (MLITSD) is preparing to hire Occupational Health and Safety Inspectors and Employment Standards Officers across the province very soon. Ministry inspectors and officers enforce and educate employers about the [Occupational Health and Safety Act](#) and the [Employment Standards Act](#) to make sure workers are treated fairly and protected from risks that could lead to illness or injury. More information will be posted online in the coming weeks.

For more what's **new** – Ministry of Labour articles, see: [What's New!](#)

Section 3 – Court Bulletins

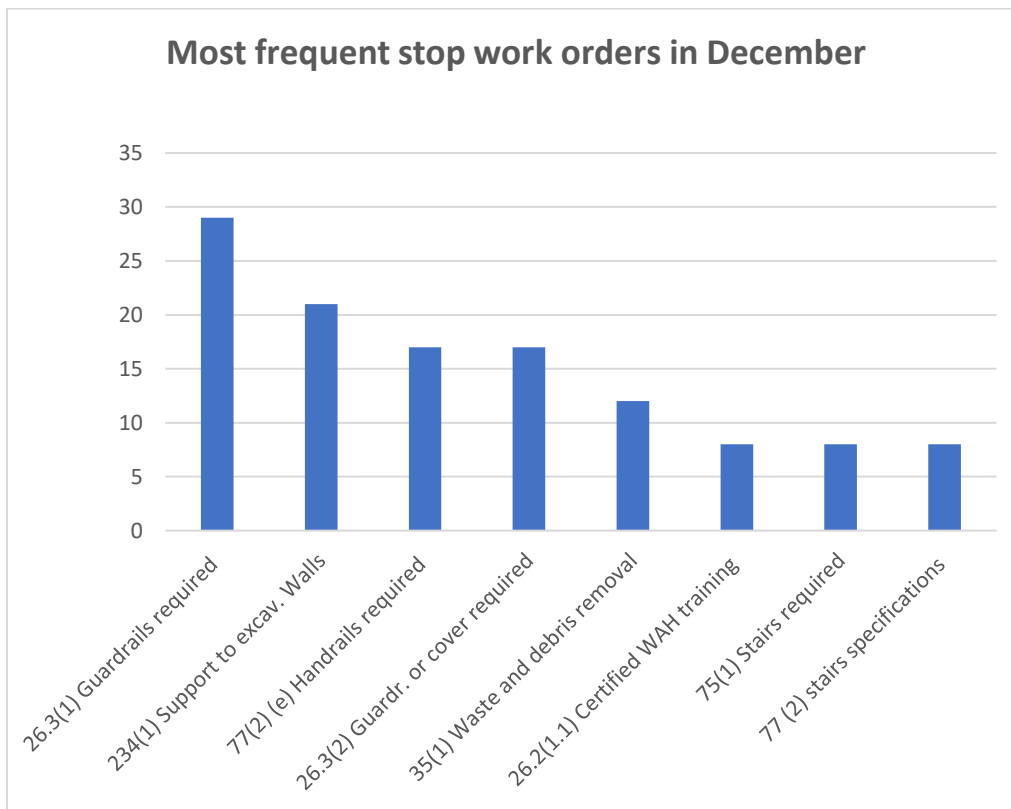
There was no new construction related court bulletin to report this month

Court Bulletins can be found here: <https://news.ontario.ca/en>

Section 4 – Enforcement Trends – December 2022

MLITSD Construction Inspectors responded to 343 **events*** throughout the province during the month of December 2022. 4,659 **events** have been reported to the construction program of the MLITSD between Jan. 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022.

Inspectors issued **264 Stop Work Orders**** in December. Of those, 164 were issued during a pro-active inspection and 100 were issued during an investigation stemming from an event. Since January 2022 and up to December 31st, **5,070** stop-work orders have been issued during **23,037** field visits.

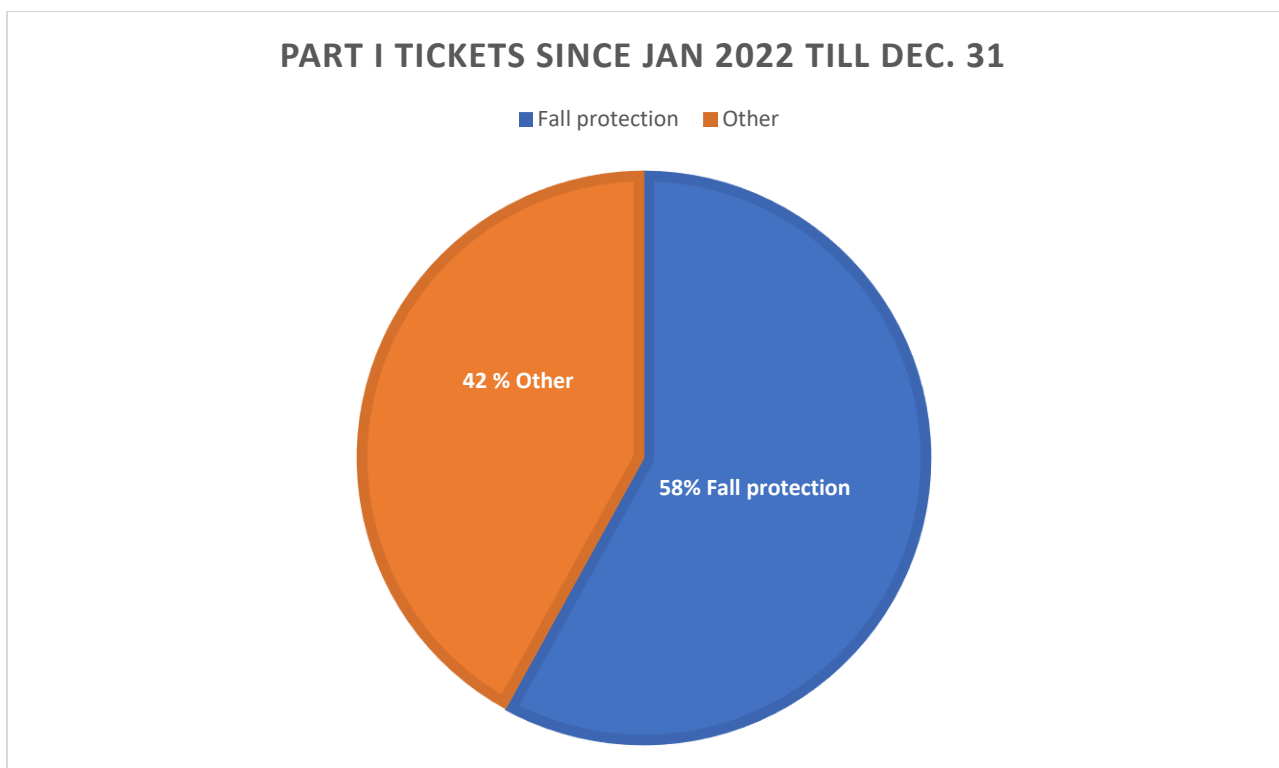


**Events consist of complaints, work refusals, critical injury, fatality, an occurrence, or injury as prescribed*

***A stop work order is issued by an inspector where a hazardous condition to workers is presently observed*

45 % of all Part 1 tickets issued by MLITSD Construction Inspectors in December 2022, were in relation to either a **lack, or inadequate use, of fall protection equipment.**

Since Jan. 1, 2012, to November 30, 2022, 58 % of all Part 1 Tickets issued by construction inspectors have been for these same fall hazard related contraventions.



Other contraventions where Part 1 Tickets were issued include all other requirements within O. Reg 213/91

Section 5 – Critical Injuries

Year-to-Date Overview and Comparison - Construction Sector

Injury Type	2022 December	2022 January 1 – December 31
Critical	29	371

Injury Type	2021 December	2021 January 1 – December 31
Critical	22	323

NOTE: These figures represent preliminary data and are not to be considered official statistics from the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. Official statistics will be issued quarterly by the Program Analysis, Evaluation and Outcomes Unit of the Occupational Health and Safety Branch of the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. Data are subject to change due to updates in the enforcement database. Only events reported to the ministry are included here. Except for fatalities, event categories in the ministry's data set are based on what was assigned at the time of the initial report to the ministry. The reported event category may not represent what occurred at the workplace

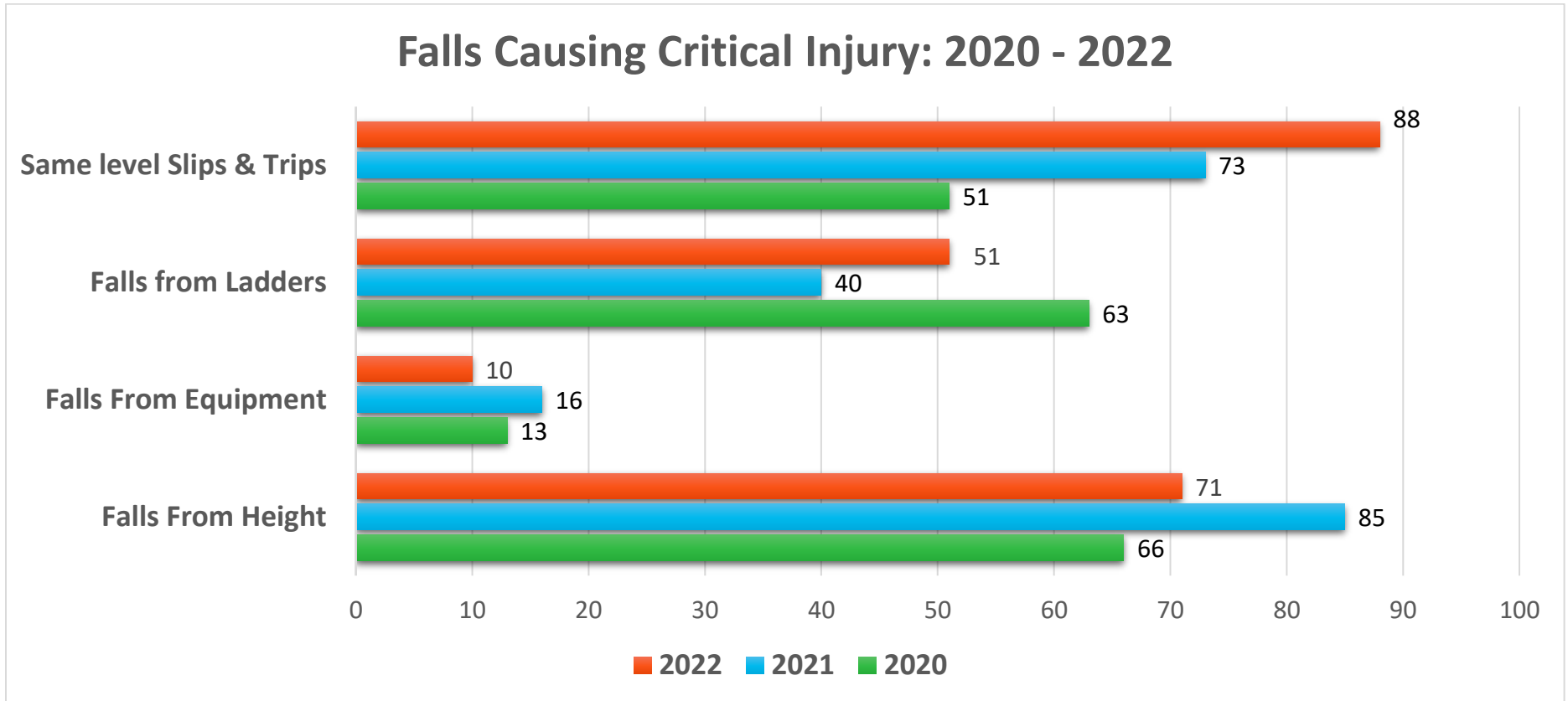
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Total Year-to-Date (Dec. 31st) Critical Injuries 2022: 342

JAN TO DEC 2022 CRITICALS	RESS	INST	RESM	INDU	ROAD	EXCA	COMM	NECC	RAIL	POWP	ETTL	HYDR	SEWW	BRID	TUNN	TELE	WIND	MARE	PAVE	GAS	MINP	PIPE	CAIS	TOTAL	
Falls from Heights	30	6	10	6	0	0	13	2	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
Falls From Equipment	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Falls from Ladders	20	2	16	1	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
Same level slips and trips	12	5	19	15	5	0	6	1	2	1	2	2	3	3	0	2	0	1	4	2	2	0	1	88	
Struck by equipment	7	0	6	2	3	3	7	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	38	
Struck by material	11	2	18	4	3	2	7	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	55	
collapse of structure	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	
Electrical Contact	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Excavation Collapse	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Other, including multiple factors, i.e., fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.	5	6	6	6	1	1	3	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	38	
TOTAL	93	21	78	36	15	8	47	5	9	1	7	7	15	4	0	2	2	2	9	4	3	2	1	371	

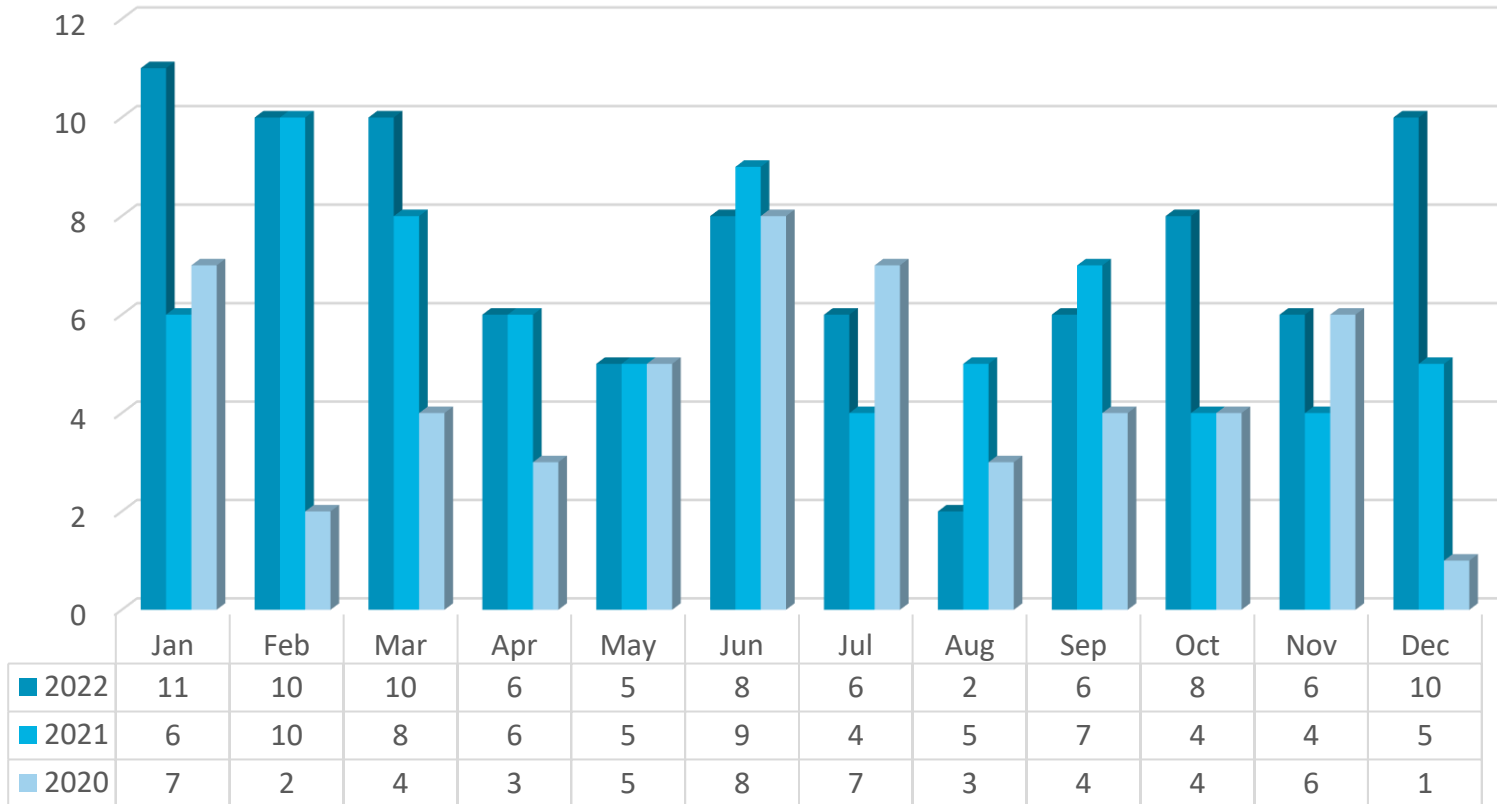
A Focus on Falls: Emerging Trends



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Same Level Slips & Trips: 2020 through 2022



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Critical Injuries Total for December 2022: 29

	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MLITSD)	Reported Cause
1	1-Dec-22	Breslau	ROAD	Worker		worker tripped on rock and fell sustaining a fracture in their left wrist.	FALL
2	2-Dec-22	Brantford	SEWW	Worker		Worker struck by a piece of timber that was pushed by an excavator resulting in a fractured right wrist.	STRUCK BY
3	5-Dec-22	Ottawa	RESM	Worker		Worker critically injured when a flying form hit their head.	STRUCK BY
4	5-Dec-22	Toronto	RESM	Worker		Worker fell while going down from level 5 to level 4 resulting in a loss of consciousness.	FALL
5	6-Dec-22	Toronto	RAIL	Worker		Worker struck by a concrete block being demolished resulting in a broken rib cage, collar bone and internal injuries.	STRUCK BY
6	7-Dec-22	Toronto	RESM	Worker		Worker stripping formwork from a concrete pour	STRUCK BY

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MLITSD)	Reported Cause
						sustained critical injuries when formwork pieces fell on them.	
7	7-Dec-22	Toronto	RESS	Worker		Roofer fell approximately 20 feet off a roof sustaining multiple fractures.	FALL
8	7-Dec-22	Midhurst	PAVE	Worker		Worker slipped on a mat, fell, and fractured their left elbow.	FALL
9	8-Dec-22	Arnprior	PAVE	Worker		Worker was bumped off ladder by co-worker by mistake, resulting in a broken right heel.	OTHE
10	9-Dec-22	Mississauga	RESM	Worker		Worker sustained critical injuries when they slipped and fell 15 feet off a ladder, while accessing the roof of a building.	FALL
11	9-Dec-22	Ajax	INDU	Worker		Worker slipped and fell about 15 feet	FALL

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MLITSD)	Reported Cause
						sustaining a critical injury to the head.	
12	10-Dec-22	Toronto	COMM	Worker		Worker fell backward while removing formwork resulting in a fractured left foot.	FALL
13	12-Dec-22	Pickering	SEWW	Worker		Worker slipped and fractured their leg.	FALL
14	12-Dec-22	Toronto	RESM	Worker		A stack of drywall fell over worker causing a fracture of their left ankle.	STRUCK BY
15	13-Dec-22	Kawartha Lakes	PAVE	Worker		Worker sustained critical injury when pinned between a reversing tri-axle truck and a skid steer.	STRUCK BY
16	14-Dec-22	Mississauga	RESM	Worker		Worker slipped and fell on rebar resulting in a fractured right knee.	FALL
17	15-Dec-22	Toronto	RESM	Worker		Worker slipped on the snow accumulated on top of steel bundle where he was walking, resulting in	FALL

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MLITSD)	Reported Cause
						a fracture to their right hand.	
18	15-Dec-22	London	RESM	Worker		Worker fell about 2 metres through a floor opening, resulting in a fractured elbow.	FALL
19	16-Dec-22	Ottawa East	RESS	Worker		Worker slipped on a patch of black ice resulting in a fractured right ankle.	FALL
20	16-Dec-22	Pickering	RESM	Worker		Worker critically injured when a sewer grate fell on their hand while they were cleaning it.	STRUCK BY
21	18-Dec-22	Gogama	MINP	Worker		Worker slipped and fell on a recently finished concrete slab after exiting their vehicle, sustaining right wrist fracture.	FALL
22	19-Dec-22	North York	RESM	Worker		Worker fell backward off a baker's scaffold sustaining fracture of their left wrist.	FALL

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MLITSD)	Reported Cause
23	20-Dec-22	Woodbridge	GAS	Worker		Worker slipped on black ice while crossing the driveway, sustaining fractures in right ankle and shin.	FALL
24	20-Dec-22	Toronto	RESS	Worker		Worker sustained critical injury when they fell into hole 12 to 14 feet deep,	FALL
25	20-Dec-22	North York	RESS	Worker		Worker sustained critical injuries when they slipped on ice while standing on a metal beam about 30ft up.	FALL
26	21-Dec-22	Richmond Hill	RESS			Worker slipped and fell resulting in a fracture of their right ankle.	FALL
27	21-Dec-22	Timmins	COMM			Worker fell out of temporary wall and suffered a broken wrist.	FALL
28	21-Dec-22	Richmond Hill	RESS			Worker slipped off a ladder and fell about 35 to 40 ft, resulting	FALL

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MLITSD)	Reported Cause
						in fractures to their leg and hip.	
29	22-Dec-22	Johnston Township	INDU			Worker suffered a fracture to the left foot when a large toolbox being moved by a forklift fell on their foot.	STRUCK BY

Section 6 – Fatal Injuries

Year-to-Date Overview and Comparison - Construction Sector

Injury Type	2022 December	2022 January 1 – December 31
Fatal	1	18

Injury Type	2021 December	2021 January 1 – December 31
Fatal	3	22

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Total Year-to-Date (Dec. 31st) Fatal Injuries 2022: 18

JAN 1 st To DEC 31 st , 2022, FATAL	RESS	RESM	INDU	ROAD	COMM	NECC	RAIL	SEWW	MINP	Total
Falls from Heights	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Falls From Equipment	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Falls from Ladders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Same level slips and trips	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Struck by equipment	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	4
Struck by material	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
collapse of structure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Electrical Contact	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Excavation Collapse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Other, including multiple factors, i.e., fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4
TOTAL	4	2	3	1	2	1	1	3	1	18

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Project Sector	Employer Sector (NAICS)	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MLITSD)
1	10-Jan-22	Staples	INDU	Industrial Building and Structure Construction (263210)	Labourer	27	Worker fell approx. 10m from roof of building under construction. Was not wearing fall protection.
2	27-Jan-22	Renfrew	RESS	Residential Building Construction (236110)	Concrete Finisher	71	Worker succumbed to carbon monoxide exposure while operating concrete cement power trowel in enclosed space
3	12-Feb-22	Clearview	NECC	General Freight Trucking, Long Distance, LTL (484122)	Driver / Operator	28	A worker was fatally injured when they were crushed by a dump truck that tipped over
4	6-Apr-22	London	RESS	Roofing contractors	Rofer	22	Worker fell from roof of three storey building. Worker was not wearing fall protection

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5	19-Apr-22	Mississauga	COMM	Industrial Building and Structure Construction (23610)	General Labourer	75	Worker succumbed to injuries due to a fall
6	25-May-22	Toronto	RAIL	Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (237)	General Labourer	28	A worker was fatally struck by a concrete truck
7	1-June-22	Caledon (Peel Region)	INDU	Construction of buildings (236)	Employer/owner	63	A worker was run over by a rock truck
8	4-July-22	Haliburton	ROAD	Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (237)	Grader operator	76	Worker was climbing into a grader, fell backwards onto their back.
9	8-Aug-22	Ajax	SEWW	Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (237)	General Labourer	49	Worker fatally injured following a trench collapse at a construction project
10	8-Aug-22	Ajax	SEWW	Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (237)	General Labourer	33	Worker fatally injured following a trench collapse at a construction project.
11	16-Aug-22	Waterdown	COMM	All Other Specialty Trade	Electrician	56	Electrician fell from approx. 20' to the ground.

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				Contractors (238)			
12	19-Aug-22	Oshawa	RESM	Roofing contractors	Rofer	52	Worker fell from a roof and sustained fatal injuries.
13	24-Oct-22	Guelph	RESM	Mining and Quarrying (212)	Worker	51	Worker was fatally injured when ejected from the equipment which fell onto him.
14	25-Oct-22	Waterloo	RESS	Residential Building Construction (236)	Worker	70	Worker sustained fatal injuries after a fall from heights.
15	4-Nov-22	Etobicoke	RESS	Construction of Buildings (236)	Worker	43	Worker sustained fatal injuries after a fall from heights.
16	14-Nov-22	Algoma	MINP	Construction of Buildings (236)	Worker	47	Worker sustained fatal injuries when they were struck by materials.
17	29-Nov-22	Woodbridge	INDU	Construction of Buildings (236)	Worker	55	Worker sustained fatal injuries while operating machinery.
18	2-Dec-22	Mississauga	SEWW	Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (237)	Worker	54	worker sustained fatal injuries when trapped in a water supply

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							structure after a water main burst.
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All new entries (current month and reconciled data) appear in **bold**.

NOTE: Some detail will inevitably be missing from the PLMHSC Report. The document is intended to provide an initial overview, not a comprehensive report. Annual data reporting approved by the Director should be used by stakeholders if they wish to see all data available to the Ministry related to an event.

[MLITSD Data: Occupational health and safety field visits, workplaces visited, and orders issued](#)

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SECTOR DESCRIPTION	SHORT DESC
Asbestos Removal - Type 1	ASB1
Asbestos Removal - Type 2	ASB2
Asbestos Removal - Type 3	ASB3
Bridge Construction	BRID
Cable	CABL
Caisson	CAIS
Cofferdam	COFF
Commercial Building Construction	COMM
Diving Construction	DCON
Diving Environmental	DENV
Diving Industrial	DIND
Diving Mining	DMIN
Electrical Towers & Transmission Lines	ETTL
Excavation	EXCA
Gas Service Connection	GAS
Excavation - Grading	GRAD
Hydro	HYDR
Industrial Building Construction	INDU
Institutional Building Construction	INST
Marine Construction	MARE
Mining Plant Construction	MINP
Moving of a Building/Structure	MOVE
NEC – Construction (NEC: not elsewhere captured)	NECC
NEC – Diving (NEC: not elsewhere captured)	NECD
Asphalt Paving	PAVE
Pipeline	PIPE
Hydroelectric Power Plants & Rel	POWP
Railway	RAIL
Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	RESM
Single Family Housing	RESS
Highway & Road Construction	ROAD
Sewer/Watermain Construction	SEWW
Shaft Construction	SHAF
Shipbuilding & Repair	SHIP
Subway	SUBW
Telephone	TELE
Trenching	TREN
Tunnel	TUNN

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