

## Report for the Labour-Management Network July 2023

### Monthly Statistics

Reporting Month	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
May 1 – 31, 2023	0	22	22
May 1 – 31, 2022	1	26	27

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

Reporting Months	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
2023 Jan. 1 – May 31	4	116	120
2022 Jan. 1 – May 31	6	142	148

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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 2 – What's New

### [\*Ontario launches new fund to build skilled trades training centres\*](#)

The Ontario government is working for workers by investing \$224 million to build and upgrade training centres and help tackle the province's historic labour shortage. Applications for the new Skills Development Fund (SDF) Capital Stream open on June 30. It will help unions, Indigenous centres, and industry associations with funding to build new training centres, or upgrade and convert existing facilities into new training centres with state-of-the-art equipment and technology.

[Learn more](#)

### [\*Ontario providing free training for electricians\*](#)

The Ontario government is investing \$2.7 million to support an innovative project to help 65 electrical workers upgrade their skills and meet the demand for qualified electricians in eastern Ontario. Led by KE Electrical, the free program will provide participants with the training needed to progress from labourer to apprentice, apprentice to journeyman, and journeyman to foreman. This will help electrical workers earn more take-home pay for themselves and their families, while tackling the critical shortage of skilled trades workers the province faces.

[Learn more](#)

### [\*Ontario training 100 people for millwright careers\*](#)

The Ontario government is investing over \$364,000 to help 100 journeypersons and apprentices in Sarnia and southwestern Ontario upgrade their skills in millwrighting so they can earn bigger paycheques for themselves and their families. Led by Millwright Local 1592, the funding will also help businesses find the skilled workers they need to build and maintain the hospitals, schools, automotive plants, and other historic infrastructure investments coming to the region.

[Learn more](#)

### [Ontario attracts historic number of people to skilled trades](#)

The Ontario government has increased apprenticeship registrations by 24 per cent in the last year – from 21,971 to 27,319 – as more people decide to pursue rewarding, well-paying careers in the skilled trades. In addition, the second year of the province’s [highly popular skilled trades career fairs](#) for students will be expanding to even more cities around the province.

[Learn more](#)

### [Ontario now requires naloxone kits in at-risk workplaces](#)

The Ontario government is now [requiring at-risk employers to ensure their workplaces have a life-saving naloxone kit](#) on hand and workers trained on how to use them. As of April, more than 1,000 free nasal spray naloxone kits have been distributed to businesses around the province through [Ontario’s Workplace Naloxone Program](#), while businesses may also obtain their own kits. In 2022, over 2,500 people died from opioid-related causes in Ontario.

[Learn more](#) | [Find out if you need a kit](#) | [Learn how to comply](#) | [Free kits and training](#)

For the latest what’s **new** – MLITSD articles, see: [What’s New!](#)

## Section 3 – Court Bulletins

### ***Workplace Injury Results in \$140,000 Fine for Cookstown Company***

June 23, 2023

**Convicted:** Resform Construction Ltd., 3761 Highway 89, Regional Road #1, Cookstown, Ontario L0L 1L0, a company involved in the concrete forming, masonry and architectural precast concrete trades in the high-rise residential sector.

**Location of Workplace:** A high-rise project at 1215 York Mills Road, Toronto

**Description of Offence:** A worker was critically injured when a construction rebar cage fell on them. Resform Construction Ltd. failed to ensure that the steel rebar cage was adequately braced as prescribed by [Ontario Regulation 213/91](#), and contrary to the [Occupational Health and Safety Act](#).

**Date of Offence:** November 11, 2021

**Date of Conviction:** June 2, 2023

#### **Penalty Imposed:**

- Following a guilty plea in the Ontario Court of Justice in Toronto, Resform Construction Ltd. was fined \$140,000 by Justice Rick Libman. Crown Counsel was Shantanu Roy.
- The court also imposed a 25 per cent victim fine surcharge as required by the *Provincial Offences Act*. The surcharge is credited to a special provincial government fund to assist victims of crime.

#### **Background:**

- Resform Construction Ltd. was contracted by a high-rise constructor to perform concrete formwork in the construction of two residential towers, one 24 storeys and the other 12 storeys high.
- On November 11, 2021, two workers employed by Resform Construction Ltd. were preparing the ground floor air shaft between two buildings for the installation of forms around a steel rebar cage.
- While the two workers were taking measurements to determine the required materials for installing the forms around the rebar cage, the rebar cage fell on one of the workers, resulting in critical injuries.

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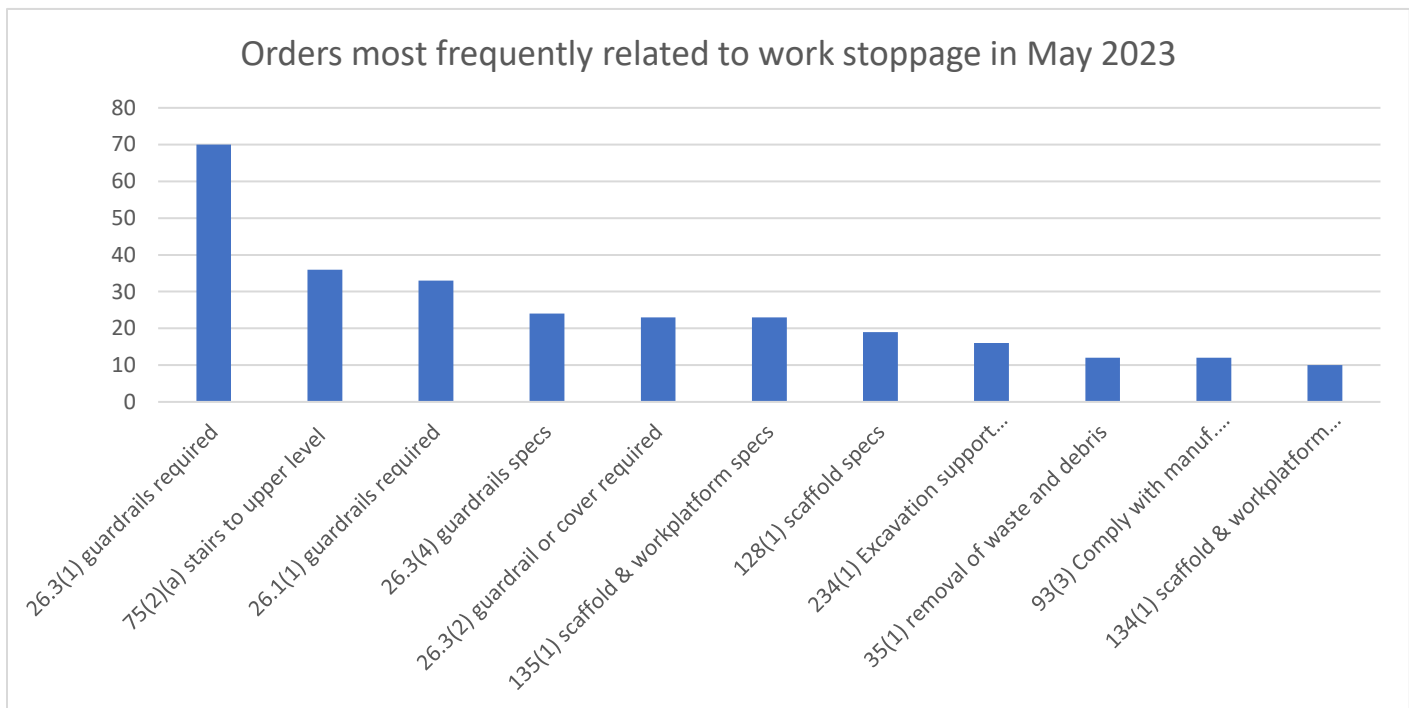
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- A Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development investigation determined that the rebar cage collapsed and fell onto the worker because it was not secured in place. The rebar cage was free standing in place and the two tie wire connections to the rebar cage were not secured to the existing structure.
- In failing to ensure that the steel rebar cage was adequately braced, Resform Construction Ltd. failed, as an employer, to ensure that the measures and procedures prescribed by section 31(1)(b) of [Ontario Regulation 213/91](#) were carried out in the workplace, contrary to section 23(1)(c) of the [Occupational Health and Safety Act](#).

## Section 4 – Enforcement Trends – May 2023

MLITSD Construction Inspectors conducted 1,801 field visits at 1,466 workplaces during the month of May 2023. They responded to 496 **events\*** throughout the province during that month and issued **403 Stop Work Orders\*\***. Of those, 245 were issued during a pro-active inspection and 158 were issued during an investigation stemming from an event.



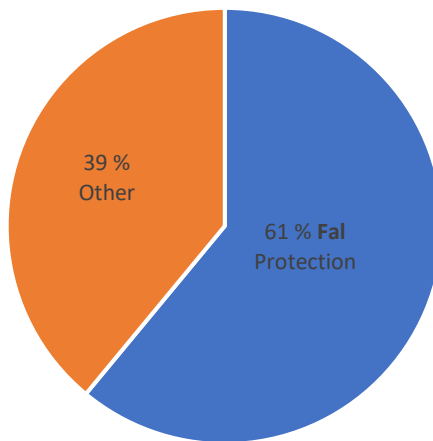
\*Events consist of complaints, work refusals, critical injury, fatality, an occurrence, or injury as prescribed

\*\*A stop work order is issued where imminent danger is observed at the time of inspection requiring the work to be stopped until the appropriate remedial action can be taken to make the situation safe for workers to work.

57 % of all Part 1 tickets issued by MLITSD Construction Inspectors in May 2023, were in relation to either a **lack, or inadequate use, of fall protection equipment.**

Since Jan. 1, 2023, and up till May 31, 2023, 61 % of all Part 1 Tickets issued by construction inspectors have been for these same fall hazard related contraventions.

Part I tickest issued since Jan. 2023 - till May 31st 2023



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

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### Section 5 – Critical Injuries

#### Year-to-Date Overview and Comparison - Construction Sector

Injury Type	2023 May	2023 January 1 – May 31
<b>Critical</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>116</b>

Injury Type	2022 May	2022 January 1 – May 31
<b>Critical</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>142</b>

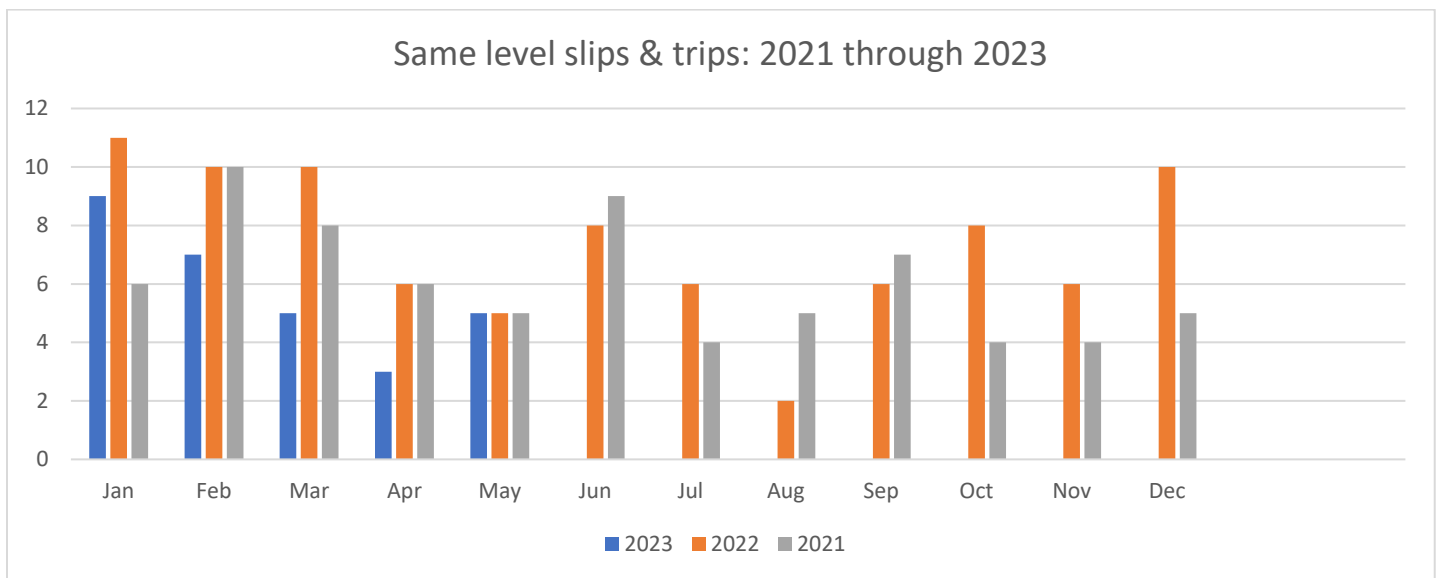
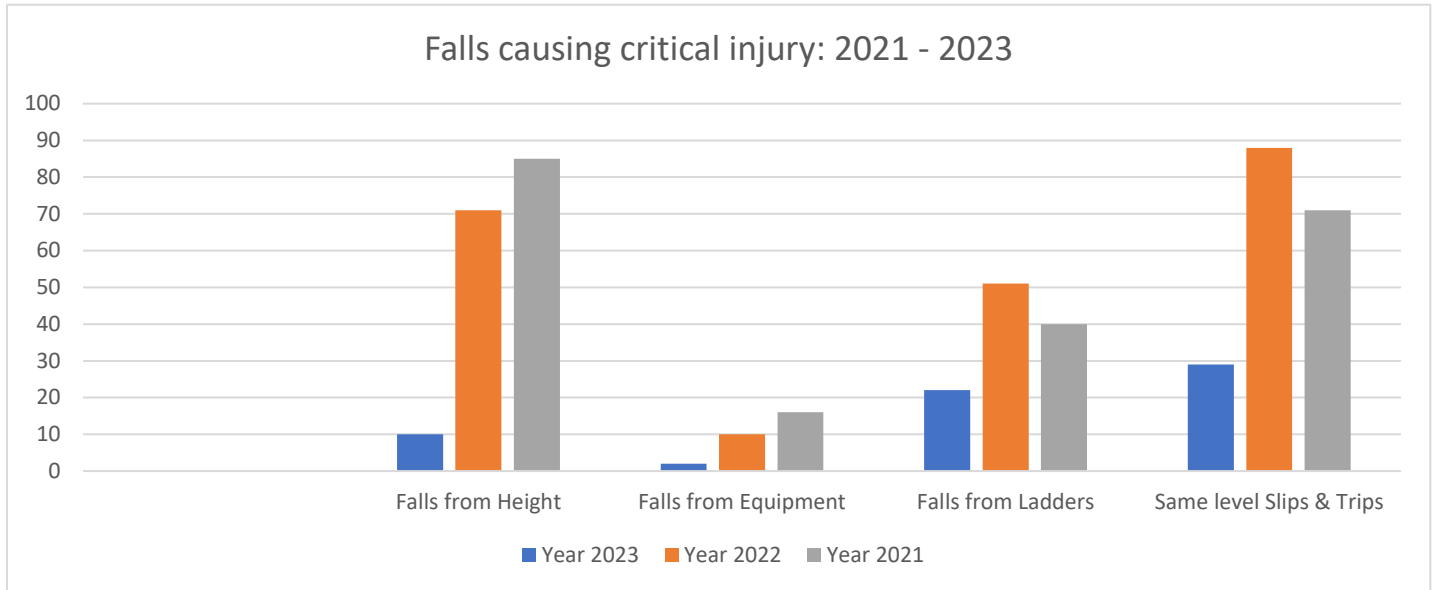
*NOTE: These figures represent preliminary data and are not to be considered official statistics from the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. Official statistics will be issued quarterly by the Program Analysis, Evaluation and Outcomes Unit of the Occupational Health and 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*

#### Total Year-to-Date (May 31st) Critical Injuries 2023:

2023 JAN 1 TO May 31 CRITICAL INCIDENTS	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	7	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Falls From Equipment	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Falls from Ladders	7	1	6	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Same level slips and trips	3	1	13	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	29
Struck by equipment	3	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	14
Struck by material	2	0	7	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
collapse of structure	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Electrical Contact	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Excavation Collapse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other, including multiple factors, i.e. fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.	4	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>116</b>



## Focus on Falls: Emerging Trends



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## Critical Injuries Total for May 2023: 22

	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MLITSD)	Reported Cause
1	1-May-23	Ottawa	RESS	Worker		Worker sanding a drywall on a scaffolding of two storeys in height fell back landing on the floor and suffering loss of consciousness.	FALL
2	1-May-23	Toronto	COMM	Worker		Worker suffered a fracture to their right knee while accessing a ladder: their foot slipped through the second rung hitting the upper rung.	FALL
3	2-May-23	Markham	BRID	Worker		Worker sustained a broken leg as it was run over by a power elevating work platform.	STRUCK BY
4	2-May-23	Hamilton	RESM	Worker		Worker suffered steam burns while working on a boiler system.	STRUCK BY
5	4-May-23	McDougall	ROAD	Worker		Worker critically injured as a tree fell and landed on them causing major injuries to their chest.	STRUCK BY
6	5- May-23	Ottawa	HYDR	Worker		Worker sustained broken left leg when they fell off a ladder.	FALL

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MLITSD)	Reported Cause
7	5- May-23	Mississauga	RESM	Worker		Worker sustained a fractured right ankle when they tripped while carrying boxes up a ramp.	FALL
8	8-May-23	Wolf Island	BRID	Worker		Worker coming down a 6-foot ladder fell off fracturing their right foot.	FALL
9	8-May-23	Toronto	COMM	Worker		Worker lost consciousness when they were ejected from their forklift seat hitting their head to the interior of the forklift. They were operating the forklift on a flat bed to unload drywall load, which was apparently too heavy for the forklift, causing it to tip.	OTHE
10	9-May-23	Brockville	RESS	Worker		Worker sustained two fractures to the foot when the ramp they were walking on detached causing the worker to fall about 3 ft to the ground.	STRUCTURE COLLAPSE
11	10-May-23	Toronto	RESM	Worker		Worker sustained a broken right fibula when a trailer that was being moved on	STRUCK BY

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MLITSD)	Reported Cause
						the project rolled over the worker's right foot.	
12	10-May-23	Whitby	INDU	Worker		Worker sustained a fracture to their right ankle when a large metal pipe fell on it.	STRUCK BY
13	10-May-23	Kingston	RESM	Worker		Worker twisted their ankle on stairs resulting in a fractured metatarsal bone.	FALL
14	10-May-23	St. Thomas	RESS	Worker		Worker sustained a broken right wrist when they fell approximately 15 ft to the ground from a lift, they were using to raise material. They were not tied off.	FALL
15	11-May-23	Mississauga	RESM	Worker		Worker sustained a fractured ankle when they tripped while stepping down off a step.	FALL
16	12-May-23	Toronto	RESM	Worker		Worker critically injured when they fell through a hole through the first floor down to the basement, about 20	FALL

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MLITSD)	Reported Cause
						to 25 ft, landing on their head.	
17	17-May-23	Belleville	RESM	Worker		Worker sustained a fracture to the right: while spotting the driver of a cube truck, their right leg was pinned between the cube truck and another vehicle.	STRUCK BY
18	19-May-23	Guelph	RESM	Worker		Worker sustained a broken left leg when they tripped while walking down the stairs carrying 20 kgs of sand.	FALL
19	29-May-23	Thunder Bay	COMM	Worker		Worker sustained a fracture in their left foot when they fell off a 14-foot installed ladder.	FALL
20	29-May-23	Toronto	COMM	Worker		Worker sustained a fractured wrist and two fingers when they lost their balance and fell off a ladder they were climbing.	FALL
21	29-May-23	Guelph	SEWW	Worker		Worker sustained a fracture of the right ankle when they tripped while walking on the grass.	FALL
22	30-May-23	Uxbridge	PAVE	Worker		Worker struck by a vehicle while standing on roadway	STRUCK BY

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MLITSD)	Reported Cause
						and working as a signaller.	

## Section 6 – Fatal Injuries

Year-to-Date Overview and Comparison - Construction Sector

Injury Type	2023 May 31	2023 January 1 – May 31
Fatal	0	4

Injury Type	2022 May 31	2022 January 1 – May 31
Fatal	1	6

Monthly Summary Report – Fatal May 2023: 0

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**Total Year-to-Date (May 31st) Fatal Injuries 2023: 0**

2023 JAN1 TO APR 30 FATAL INCIDENTS	RESS	INST	RESM	INDU	ROAD	EXCA	COMM	NECC	RAIL	POW	ETTL	HYDR	SEW	BRID	TUNN	TELE	WIND	MARE	PAVE	GAS	MINP	PIPE	CAIS	TOTAL
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Struck by equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>



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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Project Sector	Employer Sector (NAICS)	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MLITSD)
1	14-Jan-23	Belleville	COMM	Construction of Buildings (236)	Labourer	37	Worker was working on the roof (installing metal deck) of a new building when they fell and succumbed to their injuries. They were wearing a fall protection system.
2	10-Feb-23	Brampton	INDU	Construction of Buildings (236)	Labourer	27	Worker sustained fatal injuries when the equipment they were working on fell on them.
3	22-Feb-23	Town of the Blue Mountains	RESS	Construction of Buildings (236)	Labourer	32	Worker sustained critical injuries from a fall from heights on February 22, 2023. They succumbed to their injuries on March 2, 2023.

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4	21-Mar-23	Bowmanville	INDU	Construction of Buildings (236)	Labourer	20	Worker suffered fatal injuries when they were struck and pinned by a metal grate
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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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Window Cleaning Services	WIND