

Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development

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Report for the Labour-Management Network March 2026

Monthly Statistics

| Reporting Month | Fatalities | Critical Injuries | Total |
|-----------------|------------|-------------------|-------|
| January 2026 | 0 | 34 | 34 |

Fatality & Critical Injury Overview

| Reporting Months | Fatalities | Critical Injuries | Total |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------|-------|
| Year to Date 2026 | 0 | 34 | 34 |

Resources to help you achieve compliance on construction projects and window cleaning operations

[General requirements](#)

[Access to and egress from a work area](#)

[Asbestos on construction projects](#)

[Diving operations](#)

[Electrical hazards](#)

[Equipment](#)

[Excavations](#)

[Fall protection and roofing](#)

[Forms, formwork, falsework, and re-shoring](#)

[Housekeeping, fire protection, public way protection, traffic control, and hot tar or bitumen tankers or kettles](#)

[Hygiene](#)

[Window cleaning operations](#)

[Workplace Hazard Alerts | Ontario.ca](#)

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.

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Section 1 – Senior Manager’s Comment

In this report and moving forward, you will start to see a new term in section 4 – Enforcement Results and Trends. The ministry is replacing the term “orders” with the new term “enforcement actions.” Last year, a new enforcement tool was launched – compliance commitments. It is a tool where inspectors may obtain a commitment from contraveners to correct low risk contraventions, such as administrative types, that would previously have warranted orders. These commitments are tracked and along with orders, requirements, and stop-work orders are captured under the term “enforcement actions.”

As we slowly move into spring, I’m starting to think about students and young people looking for summer employment. You may be looking for summer students, or co-op placements in your organization and it’s never too early to start planning for safety. Several years ago, we hired co-op students to go out and talk to young people in summer jobs. One of the most important things we learned was that young workers are often afraid to report minor injuries to their supervisors. They are frequently embarrassed, and they are afraid of getting in trouble. Great safety culture thrives when everyone in the workplace feels they can report unsafe conditions and mistakes without fear of reprisal. I urge supervisors to think about how they can build trust with young workers so communication can happen without fear.

Sincerely, Chris Boccinfuso

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Section 2 – What’s New

MLITSD has issued an Alert: *Fraudulent working at heights training cards*

Refer to the links below on how to ensure that workers have completed an approved working at heights training program from an approved training provider.

EN: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/alert-fraudulent-working-heights-training-cards>

FR: <https://www.ontario.ca/fr/page/alerte-cartes-de-formation-pour-le-travail-en-hauteur-frauduleuses>

eForms moved to Ontario Business Account

The following 9 eForms have been moved from the ServiceOntario

Account to the new Ontario Business Account as of February 23, 2026. This initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to provide easier access to the services businesses need and improve their experience, making it simpler, clearer, and more convenient.

Ministry of Finance

- Change of address form for Ministry of Finance Tax Clients | 013-2001E/F

Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development – Job Protection Office

- Contractor Registration Application Trade Activities | 016-JPO-003E/F
- Contractor Registration Application for Specialized Work | 016-JPO-001E/F
- Worker Registration Application for Specialized Work | 016-JPO-002E/F
- Worker Registration Application for Trade Activities | 016-JPO-004E/F

Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development - Construction

- Registration of Constructors and Employers Engaged in Construction | 016-1000E/F
- Request for Designation of Separate Projects | 016-1943E/F

Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development – Mining

- Notice of Magazine or Use of Explosives | 016-0075E/F
- Notice of Reportable Incident | 016-0076E/F

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Ontario launches Canada's first occupational exposure registry to protect workers

As part of its plan to protect Ontario workers and their long-term health, the Ontario government is launching Canada's first Occupational Exposure Registry (OER.) This new secure digital portal includes an easy-to-use self-tracker that allows workers to record and track exposure to hazardous substances in the workplace.

[Learn more](#)

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

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Section 3 – Court Bulletin(s)

The two court bulletins below include contraventions to S. 31(1)(b) of O.Reg. 213/91.

31. (1) Every part of a project, including a temporary structure,

(b) shall be adequately braced to prevent any movement that may affect its stability or cause its failure or collapse. O. Reg. 213/91, s. 31 (1).

Construction Company and Supervisors Fined \$130,000 Total After Two Workplace Incidents

Convicted: EllisDon Forming Ltd., 2045 Oxford Street East, London, Ontario, a construction forming business and two supervisors, Corey Jones and Matthew Thompson.

Location of Workplaces: Two construction projects, one at 3080 Bostwick Road, London, Ontario, and the other at 131 King Street, London, Ontario.

Description of Offences: EllisDon Forming Ltd. and two supervisors were fined after two separate roof collapses occurred during the installation of composite floor systems at two construction projects, causing minor injuries to workers. The company 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, contrary to section [25\(1\)\(c\)](#) of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. Additionally, Corey Jones and Matthew Thompson as supervisors, contravened section [27\(1\)\(a\)](#) of the Act.

Date of Offences: July 22, 2022 and January 5, 2023

Date of Conviction: January 22, 2026

Penalty Imposed:

- Following a guilty plea in the Ontario Provincial Offences Court in London, EllisDon Forming Ltd., Corey Jones and Matthew Thompson were fined \$130,000 total by Justice of the Peace Kristine M. Diaz. The Crown Counsel was Dan Phelan.
- 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.

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Background:

- EllisDon Forming Ltd. was contracted to install CANAM Hambro D500 composite floor systems at two construction projects on two separate dates.
- At the first project on **July 22, 2022**, Corey Jones, a supervisor employed by the company, was overseeing work on a penthouse rooftop.
- The roof had a unique layout that required a cross-bracing detail that was not needed anywhere else on the project. This requirement was not clear to the supervisor on the design drawings, which resulted in the cross-bracing not being installed.
- While the workers were pouring concrete on the final section of the penthouse roof, the system started to move and then collapsed, causing the workers to fall to the level below. No workers were injured in this incident.
- At the second project on **January 5, 2023**, Matthew Thompson, a supervisor also employed by the company, was overseeing work on the upper floors of a residential apartment building.
- The workers had completed the concrete walls on the 25th floor and installed the composite floor system on the 26th floor.
- That morning, the supervisor and other company staff carried out a pre-pour inspection. Once the inspection was completed, workers began pouring concrete.
- After most of the floor was poured, workers began leveling and finishing it. Before workers returned to pour the remaining section, part of the composite floor system collapsed causing the workers on the 26th floor to fall to the level below. Four workers suffered minor injuries in this incident.
- EllisDon Forming Ltd. failed to ensure that every part of a project, including a temporary structure, was adequately braced to prevent any movement that may affect its stability or cause its failure or collapse.
- Corey Jones and Matthew Thompson failed, as supervisors, to ensure workers worked in the manner and with the protective devices, measures and procedures required by [section 89\(2\)](#) of Ontario Regulation 213/91, contrary to [section 27\(1\)\(a\)](#) of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.
- A post-incident investigation by EllisDon Forming Ltd. resulted in changes by CANAM Hambro to its D500 system and components, including further design details, which were implemented at both projects.

Workplace Injury Results in \$140,000 Fine for King Construction Company

Convicted: E.H.E. Construction Group Inc., 35 Simcoe Road, King, Ontario

Location of Workplace: 35 Simcoe Road, King, Ontario

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Description of Offence: A worker was critically injured when a section of a concrete basement wall collapsed at a residential construction project. E.H.E. Construction Group Inc. failed to ensure that the measures and procedures prescribed by [section 31\(1\)\(b\)](#) of Ontario Regulation 213/91 were carried out at the workplace, contrary to [sections 25\(1\)\(c\)](#) and [23\(1\)\(c\)](#) of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

Date of Offence: January 20, 2023

Date of Conviction: November 3, 2025

Penalty Imposed:

- Following an ex-parte trial in the Provincial Offences Court in Newmarket, the company was fined a total of \$140,000 by Justice of the Peace Premji. Crown Counsel were Jamie Chiang and Alexis Qi.
- The court also imposed a 25 per cent victim fine surcharge on the defendant, as required by the *Provincial Offences Act*. The surcharge is credited to a special provincial government fund to assist victims of crime.

Background:

- The company was working on an addition to a single-family home, including adding to the basement.
- Workers cut the existing concrete basement wall to make space for the addition.
- The workers intended to remove the cut sections of the wall later and left them in place without bracing.
- On January 20, 2023, a section of the concrete wall collapsed, critically injuring a worker.
- The company failed to ensure that every part of a project, including a temporary structure, was adequately braced to prevent any movement that may affect its stability or cause its failure or collapse, as prescribed by [section 31\(1\)\(b\)](#) of Ontario Regulation 213/91 and contrary to their duties as an employer under [section 25\(1\)\(c\)](#) and to their duties as a constructor under [section 23\(1\)\(c\)](#) of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

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

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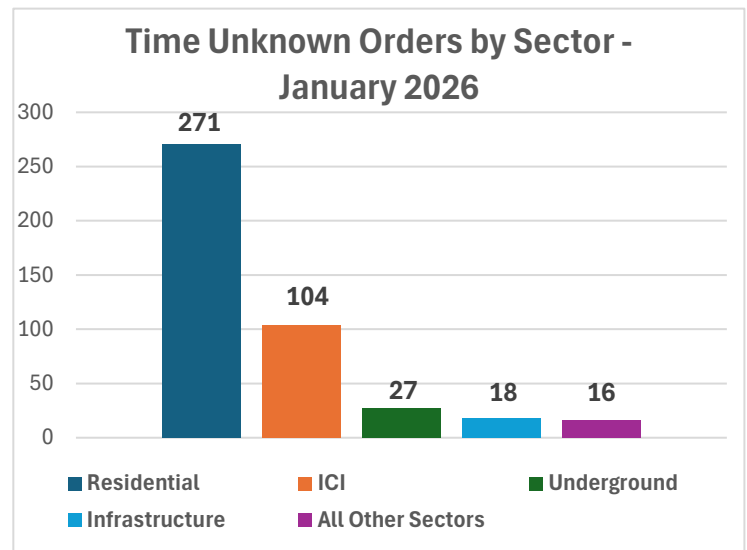
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Section 4 – Enforcement Results and Trends – January 2026

MLITSD Construction Inspectors conducted **1,623** field visits to **1,157** workplaces during the month of January 2026 resulting in **3,337** total enforcement actions, which includes **306** Stop Work Orders accompanied by **436** Time Unknown Orders.

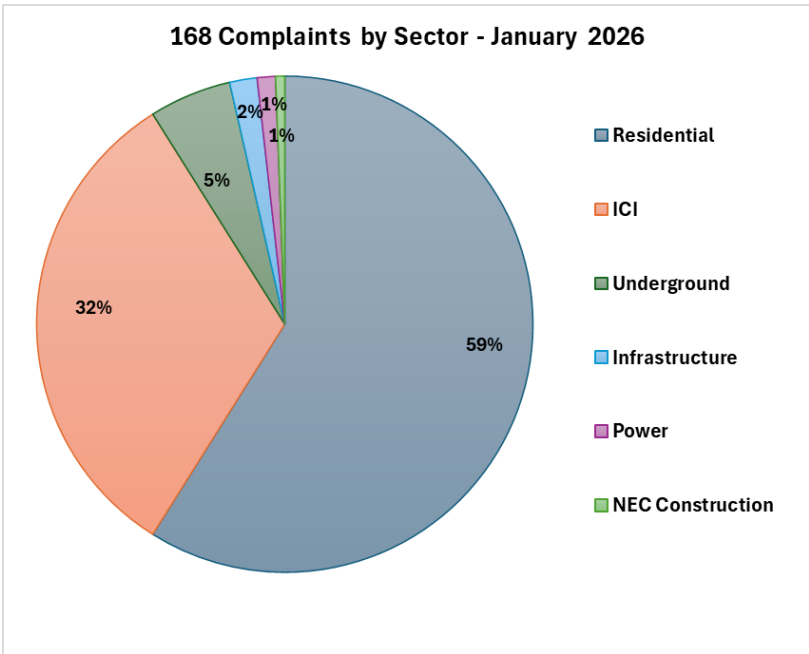
Most common enforcement actions under O.Reg.213/91

| | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| PPE (excluding S.26) | 368 | |
| Fall Protection | 342 | |
| Hygiene | 186 | |
| Access and Egress | 177 | |
| Housekeeping | 157 | |
| Stairs | 154 | |
| Scaffold | 151 | |
| Fire Safety | 126 | |
| Ladders | 118 | |
| Emergency Management | 109 | |
| Sub-Total | 1,888 | 76.0% |
| NOP and Registration Forms | 196 | 7.9% |
| Sub-Total | 2,084 | 83.9% |
| All Other Sections | 401 | 16.1% |
| TOTAL | 2,485 | 100% |

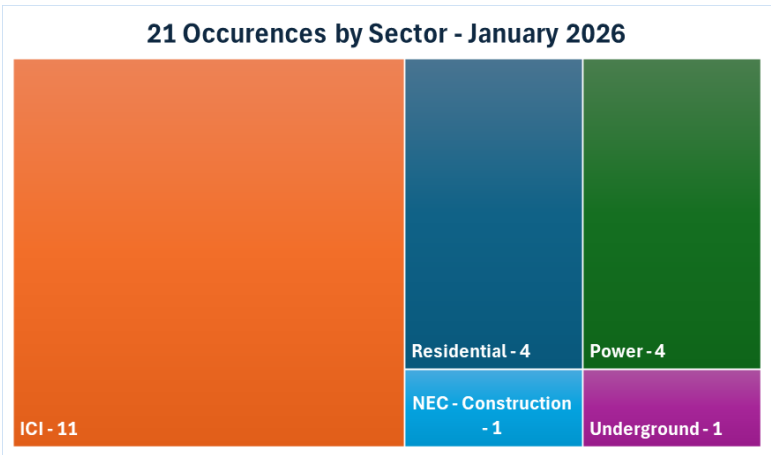


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| Events by Classification | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Complaints | 168 |
| Injuries/Incidents | 65 |
| Occurrences | 21 |
| Occupational Illness | 0 |
| Work Refusal | 0 |
| Work Stoppage | 0 |
| Reprisal | 0 |



OHSA S.53 - Occurrence means:

Accident, premature or unexpected explosion, fire, flood or inrush of water, failure of any equipment, machine, device, article or thing, cave-in, subsidence, rockburst, or other prescribed incident occurs at a project.

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Section 5 – Critical Injuries & Fatalities: Year-to-Date Overview and Comparison

Fatality Summary – January 2026

| Fatal Injuries | January 2026 | Year to Date 2026 |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | 0 | 0 |
| | January 2025 | Year to Date 2025 |
| | 2 | 2 |

Fatalities – Year to Date 2026

| | Date of Incident | Municipality (Where incident occurred) | Sector (Refer to Sector Description Table) | Occupation (Of Injured Person) | Details (As reported at the time of incident) | Category (Initial Cause as reported) |
|--|------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

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| Critical Injuries | January 2026 | Year to Date 2026 |
|--|--------------|-------------------|
| As defined in S.1(1) of O.Reg. 420/21 - Notices and Reports Under Sections 51 to 53 of the Act - Fatalities, Critical Injuries, Occupational Illnesses and Other Incidents | 34 | 34 |
| | January 2025 | Year to Date 2025 |
| | 16 | 16 |

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.

Critical Injuries – January- 2026

| January 2025 CRITICALS | RESS | INST | RESM | INDU | EXCA | COMM | NECC | ETTL | SEWW | PAVE | TOTAL |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Falls from Heights | | | 2 | | | 2 | 1 | | | | 5 |
| Falls From Equipment | 2 | 1 | | | | 2 | | | | | 5 |
| Falls from Ladders | 1 | | 2 | | | 1 | | | | | 4 |
| Same level slips and trips | 1 | | 2 | 4 | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 11 |
| Struck by equipment | | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Struck by material | | 2 | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| collapse of structure | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Other, including multiple factors, i.e. fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment. | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | | | 1 | 6 |
| TOTAL | 5 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 34 |

| | Date of Incident | Municipality (Where incident occurred) | Sector (Refer to Sector Description Table) | Occupation (Of Injured Person) | Details (As reported at the time of incident) |
|-------------------------------|------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Fall – Same Level (12) | | | | | |
| 1 | January 7, 2026 | Whitby | Industrial Building Construction | Hydro Vac Operator | Worker suffered a broken ankle after falling into hole left by the hydro-vac. |

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| | Date of Incident | Municipality (Where incident occurred) | Sector (Refer to Sector Description Table) | Occupation (Of Injured Person) | Details (As reported at the time of incident) |
|----|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 2 | January 7, 2026 | Mississauga | Apartment & Other Multiple Housing | Labourer | Worker suffered broken leg after falling on ice. |
| 3 | January 12, 2026 | Kingston | Single Family Housing | Delivery Driver | Worker suffered life threatening head injury after slipping on ice. |
| 4 | January 13, 2026 | West Grey | Industrial Building Construction | Worker | Worker suffered fractured wrist after falling in the parking lot. |
| 5 | January 14, 2026 | Oakville | Cable | Cable Installer | Worker fractured her wrist while attempting to break her fall. |
| 6 | January 15, 2026 | Richmond | Industrial Building Construction | Fence Installer | Worker suffered broken ankle after stepping into an open hole. |
| 7 | January 15, 2026 | London | Apartment & Other Multiple Housing | Worker | Worker suffered broken ankle after tripping in the parking lot while walking to his vehicle. |
| 8 | January 16, 2026 | Brampton | Industrial Building Construction | Roofer | Worker suffered broken ankle after slipping on the flat roof. |
| 9 | January 19, 2026 | Tiverton | Hydroelectric Power Plants & Rel | Worker | Worker suffered broken ankle after tripping over a trailing cable. |
| 10 | January 20, 2026 | Cambridge | Electrical Towers & Transmission Lines | Worker | Worker suffered a broken ankle after tripping while walking in the parking lot. |

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| | Date of Incident | Municipality (Where incident occurred) | Sector (Refer to Sector Description Table) | Occupation (Of Injured Person) | Details (As reported at the time of incident) |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| 1 1 | January 27, 2026 | Vaughan | Alternative Energies | Worker | Worker suffered broken ankle after slipping and tripping. |
| 1 2 | January 28, 2026 | Barrie | Sewer / Watermain Construction | Worker | Worker suffered a broken leg after slipping on stairs coming out of the site trailer. |
| Fall – From Height (5) | | | | | |
| 1 | January 8, 2026 | Cookstown | NEC - Construction | Roofer | Worker suffered critical injury after falling from the roof of a shed. |
| 2 | January 11, 2026 | Belle River | Commercial Building Construction | Worker | Worker suffered life threatening injuries after falling approx. 40ft from a balcony. |
| 3 | January 14, 2026 | Casselman | Commercial Building Construction | Roofer | Worker suffered fractures to both feet after falling from the roof. |
| 4 | January 17, 2026 | Oakville | Apartment & Other Multiple Housing | Worker | Worker suffered life threatening head injury after falling approx. 6ft. |
| 5 | January 23, 2026 | Ottawa | Apartment & Other Multiple Housing | Concrete Finisher | Worker suffered a broken leg after falling from vertical rebar. |
| Fall – From Equipment (5) | | | | | |
| 1 | January 6, 2026 | Mississauga | Single Family Housing | Drywaller | Worker suffered a broken wrist after falling from a baker's scaffold. |

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| | Date of Incident | Municipality (Where incident occurred) | Sector (Refer to Sector Description Table) | Occupation (Of Injured Person) | Details (As reported at the time of incident) |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 2 | January 6, 2026 | Kearney | Single Family Housing | Drywaller | Worker suffered a broken arm after falling from scaffold. |
| 3 | January 22, 2026 | Scarborough | Commercial Building Construction | Crane Operator | Worker suffered a broken leg after falling to a lower level. |
| 4 | January 26, 2026 | Toronto | Commercial Building Construction | Labourer | Worker suffered broken ankle after falling from a flatbed truck. |
| 5 | January 29, 2026 | Thornhill | Institutional Building Construction | Truck Driver | Worker suffered a broken leg after falling from the flatbed of the truck. |
| NEC – Construction (5) | | | | | |
| 1 | January 8, 2026 | Markham | Industrial Building Construction | Plumber | Worker suffered broken ankle after falling from rebar he was climbing. |
| 2 | January 9, 2026 | Toronto | Subway | Electrician | Worker suffered broken ankle after missing a step while descending from a scaffold. |
| 3 | January 15, 2026 | Port Colborne | Excavation - Grading | Worker | Worker lost consciousness while retrieving parts. |
| 4 | January 29, 2026 | Toronto | Commercial Building Construction | Worker | Worker lost consciousness for a few seconds. |
| 5 | January 30, 2026 | Toronto | Single Family Housing | Tiler | Worker sustained a large laceration resulting in loss of blood after the angle grinder struck his leg. |

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| | Date of Incident | Municipality (Where incident occurred) | Sector (Refer to Sector Description Table) | Occupation (Of Injured Person) | Details (As reported at the time of incident) |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Fall – From ladder (4) | | | | | |
| 1 | January 6, 2026 | Uxbridge | Single Family Housing | Siding Installer | Worker fell from ladder, resulting in a broken hip and wrist. |
| 2 | January 6, 2026 | Ottawa | Apartment & Other Multiple Housing | Plumber | Worker suffered broken arm and spinal injuries after falling from a ladder. |
| 3 | January 9, 2026 | Vaughan | Apartment & Other Multiple Housing | Drywaller | Worker suffered broken ankle after falling from a ladder. |
| 4 | January 10, 2026 | Sarnia | Commercial Building Construction | Painter | Worker lost consciousness after falling from a ladder. |
| Struck By - Material (2) | | | | | |
| 1 | January 2, 2026 | Baden | Institutional Building Construction | Locker Installer | Worker was struck by the boards he was using to get his vehicle out of the snowbank. |
| 2 | January 13, 2026 | Toronto | Institutional Building Construction | Labourer | Worker suffered broken leg after the railing he was removing fell on him. |
| Struck By – Equipment (1) | | | | | |
| 1 | January 30, 2026 | Kingston Mills | Excavation | Iron Worker | Worker suffered a broken leg after the beam he was lifting slipped and fell on him. |

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| Sector Classification | Sub-Sector Description | Code |
|------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Residential | Apartment and Other Multiple Housing | RESM |
| | High Rise (10+ storeys) | RESM |
| | Low-Rise (less than 4 storeys) | RESM |
| | Medium Rise (4 to 9 storeys) | RESM |
| | Residential Construction | RESM |
| | Single Family Housing | RESS |
| ICI | Commercial Building Construction | COMM |
| | Industrial Building Construction | INDU |
| | Institutional Building Construction | INST |
| Underground | Caisson | CAIS |
| | Cofferdam | COFF |
| | Excavation | EXCA |
| | Pipeline | PIPE |
| | Sewer / Watermain | SEWW |
| | Shaft Construction | SHAF |
| | Subway | SUBW |
| | Trenching | TREN |
| | Tunnel | TUNN |
| | Well Drilling | WELL |
| Infrastructure | Asphalt Paving | PAVE |
| | Bridge Construction | BRID |
| | Excavation – Grading | GRAD |
| | Highway and Road Construction | ROAD |
| | Railway | RAIL |
| Power | Cable | CABL |
| | Electrical Towers and Transmission Lines | ETTL |
| | Gas Service Connection | GAS |
| | Hydro | HYDR |
| | Hydroelectric Power Plants | POWP |
| Diving | Construction | DCON |
| | Environmental | DENV |
| | Film and Television | DFTV |
| | Industrial | DIND |
| | Mining | DMIN |
| | Scientific | DSCI |
| Marine | Marine Construction | MARE |
| | Shipbuilding and Repair | SHIP |
| NEC – Construction | Asbestos – Type I | ASB1 |
| | Asbestos – Type II | ASB2 |
| | Asbestos – Type III | ASB3 |
| | Mining Plant Construction | MINP |
| | Moving of a Building / Structure | MOVE |
| | Telephone | TELE |
| | Window Cleaning Services | WIND |