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Report for the Labour-Management Network
June 2026

Monthly Statistics

Reporting Month	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
April 2026	**1**	**40**	**41**

Fatality & Critical Injury Overview

Reporting Months	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
Year to Date 2026	**4**	**139**	**143**

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 I 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 the wake of the first really hot weekend of the year, I'd like to flag the importance of hot weather/heat stress prevention programs. It will still be a while as workers begin to acclimatize to the changing weather and new workers need to be reminded of basic precautions. Here is a link to some materials that may assist. https://www.ontario.ca/page/managing-heat-stress-work

Our team is working hard developing guidance material on the new regulation changes regarding hard hats and mobile elevating work platforms. I'd like to shout out the PLMHSC for giving us some specific feedback around info that the sector is looking to have included in the guidance. I'm hoping to have some drafts to take back to the committee late summer.

As we enter the busy season, just remember there will be new workers on projects, new supervisors, there will be people covering jobs for others on vacation. These are all opportunities to stop and think about your work environment. Be sure to connect new workers with JHSC and WTC members on projects. As new or temporary supervisors, check in with site committees and see if there are on-going issues. You can be a new set of eyes and idea as you work to keep everyone safe.

Happy summer.

Sincerely, Chris Boccinfuso

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Section 2 – What's New

Five years of data shows Ontario safety program is cutting injuries, but most businesses aren't in it (Canadian Occupational Safety; 2026-05-14)

Canadian Occupational Safety reported findings from an evaluation of WSIB's Health and Safety Excellence Program found it has led to measurable reductions in workplace injuries, including a nearly 20% decrease in lost-time injuries in manufacturing. The research highlights that engagement, program progression, and tailoring safety measures to specific risks are key to success, while also improving leadership involvement and workplace safety culture. However, experts note the program's biggest challenge is scaling its reach, particularly to small businesses that face higher injury risks but are less likely to participate.

For the latest **What's New** – MLITSD articles, see: What's New!

Section 3 – Court Bulletin(s)

Toronto-based Company Fined $175,000 Following a Workplace Fatality

Convicted: Aecon Utilities Inc., 105-20 Carlson Court, Toronto, Ontario

Location of Workplace: 2750 King Road, King City, Ontario

Description of Offence: The company failed to ensure that equipment was not used under weather conditions where its use was likely to endanger a worker, contrary to section 93(2)(b) of Ontario Regulation 213/91 and section 25(1)(c) of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

Date of Offence: July 30, 2024

Date of Conviction: March 26, 2026

Penalty Imposed:

- Following a guilty plea in the Ontario Court of Justice in Newmarket, Aecon Utilities Inc. was fined $175,000 by Justice Prutschi. Crown Counsel was David McCaskill.
- 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:

- On July 30, 2024, Aecon Utilities Inc. was installing a new underground utility service at a residential property in King City. Excavation work was conducted to expose an existing pipeline, and a trench shoring box system had been installed to support the walls of the excavation.
- While the worker was inside the trench connecting the new utility service to the pipeline, weather conditions deteriorated and heavy rainfall began. Rainwater mixed with silt and soil

entered the trench, forming a slurry that accumulated rapidly. The worker became trapped in the slurry and was fatally injured by the rapidly rising water.

- The Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development investigated the incident, including the engineering aspects of the trench, pumping capacity and site conditions. The investigation concluded that the amount of rainfall and sediment entering the excavation made it impossible to safely dewater the trench. Continuing to use equipment in those conditions endangered the worker.
- As a result, Aecon Utilities Inc. failed to ensure that equipment was not used when weather conditions made its use likely to endanger a worker, contrary to the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

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

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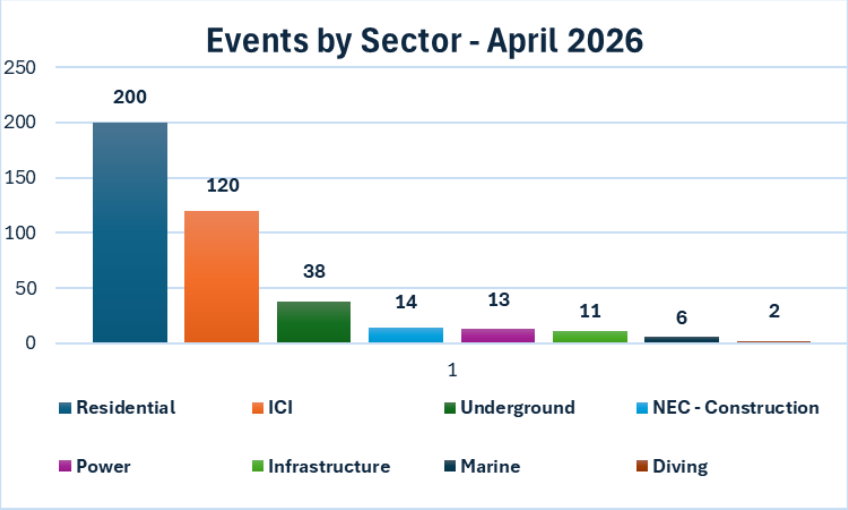
Section 4 – Enforcement Results and Trends – April 2026

MLITSD Construction Inspectors conducted **1,804** field visits to **1,327** workplaces during the month of April 2026 resulting in **3,989** total enforcement actions, which includes **411** Stop Work Orders accompanied by **604** Time Unknown Orders.

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

Fall Protection	534	
PPE (excl. Section 26)	502	
Ladders	210	
Scaffolding	192	
Housekeeping	173	
Equipment, General	154	
Emergency Management	147	
Stairs	142	
Hygiene	138	
Fire Safety	115	
Sub-Total	**2,307**	**74.9%**
NOP and Registration Forms	238	7.7%
Sub-Total	**2,545**	**82.6**
All Other Sections	537	17.4%
TOTAL	**3,082**	**100%**



Events by Classification (not including BOSTA)	
Complaints	292
Injuries/Incidents	74
Occurrences	35
Occupational Illness	1
Work Refusal	0
Work Stoppage	0
Reprisal	1

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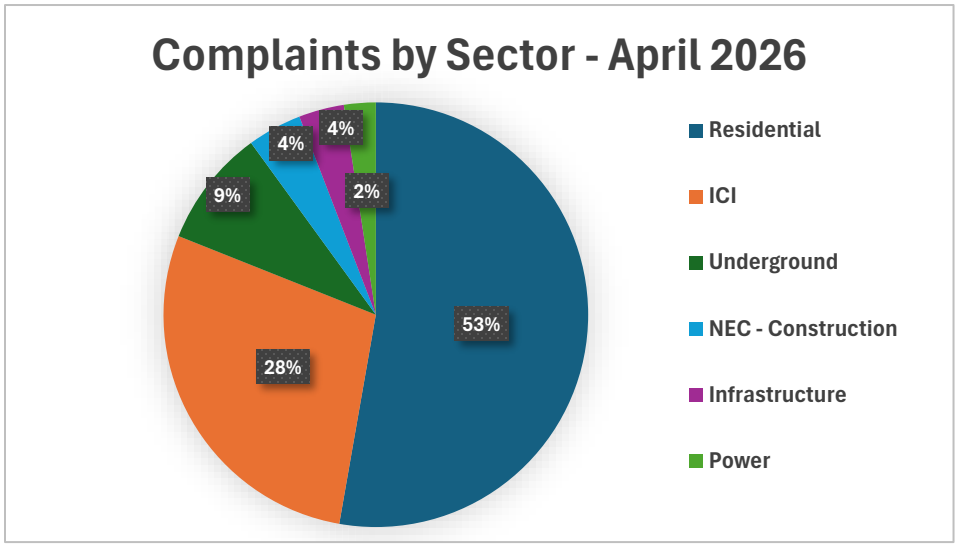

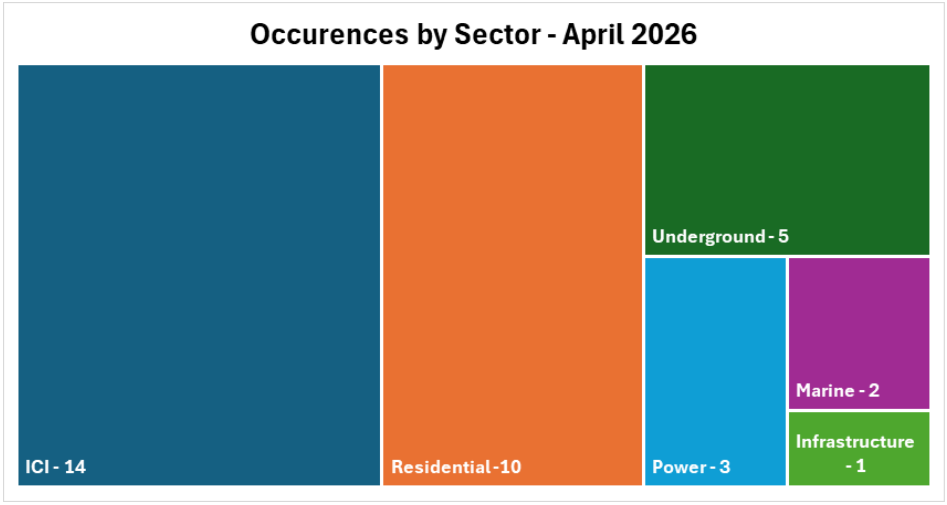

OHSA S.53 - Occurrence means:

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

Fatal Injuries	April 2026	Year to Date 2026
	1	**4**
	April 2025	Year to Date 2025
	1	6

Fatalities – Year to Date 2026

Year to Date 2026 FATALS	RESM	INDU	NECC	Total
Falls from Heights		1		1
Falls From Equipment				0
Falls from Ladders	1			1
Other, including multiple factors, i.e. fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.			2	2
TOTAL	**1**	**1**	**2**	**4**

Fatality Summary – April 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)
4	**April 24, 2026**	**Brantford**	**Industrial Building Construction**	**Roofer**	**Worker fell approx. 30ft through an opening, resulting in fatal injuries.**	**Fall – From Height**

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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)	**Category** (Initial Cause as reported)
3	March 18, 2026	Erieau	Diving	Diver	Worker asphyxiated during a dive.	NEC - Construction
2	February 20, 2026	Spencerville	Residential Building Construction	Siding Installer	Worker fell from a ladder on Feb. 20, 2026, and succumbed to their injuries on Feb 24, 2026	Fall – From Ladder
1	January 26, 2026	Hamilton	Ship Building and Repair	Skid Steer Operator	Worker drowned after the skid steer he was operating to clear snow was submerged in water.	NEC - Construction

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Critical Injuries	April 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	**40**	**139**
	April 2025	Year to Date 2025
	36	107

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 – April 2026

April 2026 CRITICALS	RESS	INST	RESM	INDU	ROAD	EXCA	COMM	NECC	RAIL	TELE	MARE	MINP		TOTAL
Falls from Heights	1						3							4
Falls From Equipment			3	1		1	1							6
Falls from Ladders	1		5											6
Same level slips and trips	1	2	4		1		1							9
Struck by equipment		2					1							3
Struck by material			2						1					3
Other, including multiple factors, i.e. fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.	1		3					1		1	2	1		9
TOTAL	4	4	17	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	2	1		40

Critical Injuries – Year to Date 2026

Year to Date 2026 CRITICALS	RESS	INST	RESM	INDU	ROAD	EXCA	COMM	NECC	RAIL	POWP	ETTL	HYDR	SEWW	TELE	MARE	MINP		TOTAL
Falls from Heights	2		4				5	1				1						13
Falls From Equipment	2	1	4	1		1	4			1								14
Falls from Ladders	3	2	9				4											18
Same level slips and trips	5	5	11	9	2	1	3	2		1	1		2			1		43
Struck by equipment		2			2	1	1		1									7
Struck by material	1	3	3	5			1		3	1	1	1						19
Other, including multiple factors, i.e. fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.	2	1	6	4	1	2	1	2		1			1	1	2	1		25
TOTAL	15	14	37	19	5	5	19	5	4	4	2	2	3	1	2	2		139

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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)
NEC – Construction (9)					
1	April 6, 2026	Toronto	Marine Construction	Operator	Worker suffered multiple fractures to the foot when it became stuck in the wheel-well of a trailer.
2	April 9, 2026	Falconbridge	Mining Plant Construction	Painter	Worker lost consciousness.
3	April 10, 2026	Schomberg	Telephone	Installer	Worker suffered fracture to an ankle.
4	April 14, 2026	Sudbury	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Labourer	Worker lost consciousness in the site trailer.
5	April 14, 2026	Centre Wellington	Single Family Housing	Worker	Worker lost consciousness after seeing their own blood after a cut.
6	April 20, 2026	Toronto	Marine Construction	Concrete Worker	Worker lost consciousness after his fingers were pinched between panels.
7	April 22, 2026	Ajax	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Carpenter	Worker lost consciousness after striking his hand with his hammer and seeing his own blood.
8	April 28, 2026	Paris	Asbestos Removal - Type 3	Worker	Worker lost consciousness while picking up material.

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9	April 30, 2026	Milton	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Worker	Worker suffered significant loss of blood after being struck by a vehicle and dragged.
Fall – Same Level (8)					
1	April 10, 2026	Kanata	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Rigger	Worker suffered fractured ankle after slipping while rigging a load.
2	April 10, 2026	Auburn	Commercial Building Construction	Operator	Worker suffered broken leg while walking behind his truck and slipped.
3	April 10, 2026	Cambridge	Residential Building Construction	Labourer	Worker suffered broken foot while retrieving an item from his vehicle, slipping and falling.
4	April 13, 2026	Etobicoke	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Form Worker	Worker suffered broken leg after falling while attempting to pry forms apart.
5	April 14, 2026	Brampton	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Painter	Worker suffered broken hand after tripping.
6	April 15, 2026	Toronto	Single Family Housing	Worker	Worker fractured his ankle after stepping into a hole.
7	April 15, 2026	Mississauga	Highway & Road Construction	Operator	Worker suffered broken leg after stepping into a hole while guiding a telehandler.
8	April 17, 2026	Scarborough	Institutional Building Construction	Worker	Worker suffered a broken ankle after twisting it while exiting a boom lift.

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Fall – From Ladder (7)					
1	April 8, 2026	Hamilton	Single Family Housing	Framer	Worker lost consciousness after falling from a ladder.
2	April 20, 2026	Brampton	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Technician	Worker suffered fractured wrist after falling from a ladder.
3	April 22, 2026	Ottawa	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Drywaller	Worker suffered broken ankle after falling from a step ladder.
4	April 27, 2026	Oshawa	Institutional Building Construction	Worker	Worker suffered fractured ankle after falling from a ladder.
5	April 29, 2026	Thornhill	Residential Building Construction	Roofer	Worker fell from a ladder, resulting in a loss of consciousness.
6	April 30, 2026	Kanata	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Electrician	Worker suffered broken ankle after falling from a ladder.
7	April 30, 2026	Cavan	Residential Building Construction	Siding Installer	Worker suffered critical injuries after falling from a ladder.
Fall – From Equipment (6)					
1	April 6, 2026	Toronto	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Worker	Worker suffered broken ankle after falling from a platform.

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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	April 13, 2026	Toronto	Commercial Building Construction	Worker	Worker fell while using a wheelbarrow to access a platform, resulting in a broken arm.
3	April 21, 2026	Orleans	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Labourer	Worker lost consciousness after falling backwards off a platform.
4	April 23, 2026	Kirkland Lake	Excavation	Operator	Worker suffered critical injuries after falling from equipment.
5	April 25, 2026	North York	Industrial Building Construction	Painter	Worker suffered life threatening injuries after falling from scaffold.
6	April 28, 2026	Etobicoke	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Plumber	Worker lost consciousness, resulting in a fall to the ground.
Fall – From Height (4)					
1	April 1, 2026	Norwich	Commercial Building Construction	Roofer	Worker suffered fractures to legs after falling from roof.
2	April 17, 2026	Hamilton	Commercial Building Construction	Mason	Worker suffered two broken ankles after falling from level above.
3	April 19, 2026	Scarborough	Single Family Housing	Roofer	Worker suffered critical injuries after falling from the roof.
4	April 30, 2026	Vaughan	Commercial Building Construction	Worker	Worker suffered critical injuries after falling approx. 20ft while

	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)
					installing indoor playground components.
Struck By – Equipment (3)					
1	April 9, 2026	Ottawa	Institutional Building Construction	Signaller	Worker suffered broken foot when it was run over by a forklift.
2	April 14, 2026	Sudbury	Commercial Building Construction	Worker	Worker suffered broken foot when the scissor-lift he was unloading rolled over his foot.
3	April 27, 2026	Mississauga	Institutional Building Construction	Labourer	Worker suffered broken foot after being struck by skid steer.
Struck By – Material (3)					
1	April 10, 2026	Toronto	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Signaller	Worker suffered critical injury after being struck by concrete during a demolition.
2	April 14, 2026	Toronto	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Worker	Worker suffered broken hand and neck injuries after being struck by a sheet of plywood.
3	April 29, 2026	Toronto	Railway	Installer	Worker suffered multiple fractures to fingers when they were pinched between rail and concrete.

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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