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Report for the Labour-Management Network

July 2026

Monthly Statistics

Reporting Month	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
May 2026	**2**	**41**	**43**

Fatality & Critical Injury Overview

Reporting Months	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
Year to Date 2026	**6**	**180**	**186**

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

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Section 1 – Senior Manager's Comment

Welcome to summer. To me it's a time when the things we've started to do grow roots and begin to flourish. Unfortunately, the May statistics reported below seem to say that we haven't planted enough seeds to make basic elements of safety grow. Of the 3,418 total enforcement actions in May 2026, 648 orders were for fall protection and 573 were for protective headwear or footwear. That is 36% of all orders under the regulation were for basic health and safety requirements. If the 250 orders for NOPs and Form 1000's are included that jumps to 47%.

Last year's Coroner's Deaths Review was focused on deaths related to falls. There has been significant investment in WAH training, and inspectors look for fall protection contraventions as one of their first priorities on a project. Where is the breakdown? Are workers ignoring rules? Are supervisors failing to enforce rules? There are some good actors out there with a strong safety focus. But the stats show us that many, many more are not making the effort to meet minimum standards.

Let's take time this summer to root the weeds out of our gardens!

Sincerely, Chris Boccinfuso

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Section 2 – What's New

Ministry hires 109 new occupational health and safety inspectors and employment standards officers

Last month, the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development welcomed 29 new employment standards officers and 80 occupational health and safety inspectors. The new recruits are engaged in rigorous training to ensure consistent enforcement of fair, safe and healthy workplaces across the province. Training includes in-class learning about provincial law and its application to workplaces, as well as hands-on practice alongside experienced mentors in the field. The ministry's newest recruits will start addressing employment standards claims in fall 2026 and visiting workplaces in their full capacity in early 2027.

Workplace compliance initiatives | Occupational health and safety inspections | Employment standards inspections

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

Section 3 – Court Bulletin(s)

Workplace Injury at Mount Forest Construction Project Results in $145,000 Fine for Roofing Company and Director

Convicted: Reilly's Roofing Ltd., a roofing contractor based in Georgian Bluffs, Ontario and Adam Reilly, director and officer of the company.

Location of Workplace: 362 Fergus Street North, Mount Forest, Ontario

Description of Offence: A worker was critically injured after falling from a ladder at a residential construction project. The company and its director failed to ensure that required fall protection measures were in place for work performed at height. This was contrary to section 25(1)(c) and section 32(a) of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, and section 26.1(2) of Ontario Regulation 213/91 (Construction Projects).

Date of Offence: December 22, 2023

Date of Conviction: June 3, 2026

Penalty Imposed:

- Following guilty pleas in the Provincial Offences Court in Guelph, Reilly's Roofing Ltd. was fined $130,000 and Adam Reilly was fined $15,000 by Justice of the Peace Royak; Crown Counsel was Katie Krafchick.
- 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 the day of the incident, workers employed by Reilly's Roofing Ltd. attended a residential construction project to install shingles on a single-storey home.

- To get to the roof, a worker climbed a ladder placed on frozen, uneven ground that was not secured at the top or bottom.
- The worker was not wearing fall protection, and no fall protection system was installed at the time of the incident.
- While the worker was stepping from the ladder onto the roof, the ladder twisted. The worker fell approximately 11 feet to the ground and was critically injured.
- A Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development investigation found that required fall protection measures were not in place.
- The company, as an employer, and Adam Reilly, as its director, failed to ensure that prescribed measures for fall protection were carried out, contrary to the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* and Ontario Regulation 213/91.

Workplace Injury Results in $100,000 Fine for Roofing Company

Convicted: Moffat Bros. Roofing Ltd., 2213 Lovshin Road, RR 4, Cobourg, Ontario

Location of Workplace: 5325 County Road 10, Port Hope, Ontario

Description of Offence: A worker was critically injured after falling from the roof of a building at a construction project. The company failed to ensure that a worker was protected from falling when performing work at height. This was contrary to section 25(1)(c) of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* and section 26.1(2) of Ontario Regulation 213/91 (Construction Projects).

Date of Offence: August 1, 2023

Date of Conviction: June 3, 2026

Penalty Imposed:

- Following a guilty plea in the Provincial Offences Court in Cobourg, Moffat Bros. Roofing Ltd. was fined $100,000 by Justice of the Peace Joel Kulmatycki; 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:

- A worker employed by Moffat Bros. Roofing Ltd. attended a construction project to complete a steel roof replacement.
- The worker was clipped to the tether rope of a safety line, but it was not long enough to reach the position required to install the final roof panel. As a result, the worker unclipped the safety line.
- The worker then attempted to step over a steel panel being fastened to the roof, lost their balance, and fell approximately 22 feet to the ground, sustaining critical injuries.
- The worker was not using any method of fall protection at the time of the incident, despite fall protection equipment being available onsite.
- The company failed to ensure that the measures and procedures prescribed by section 26.1(2) of Ontario Regulation 213/91 were carried out in the workplace contrary to section 25(1)(c) of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

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

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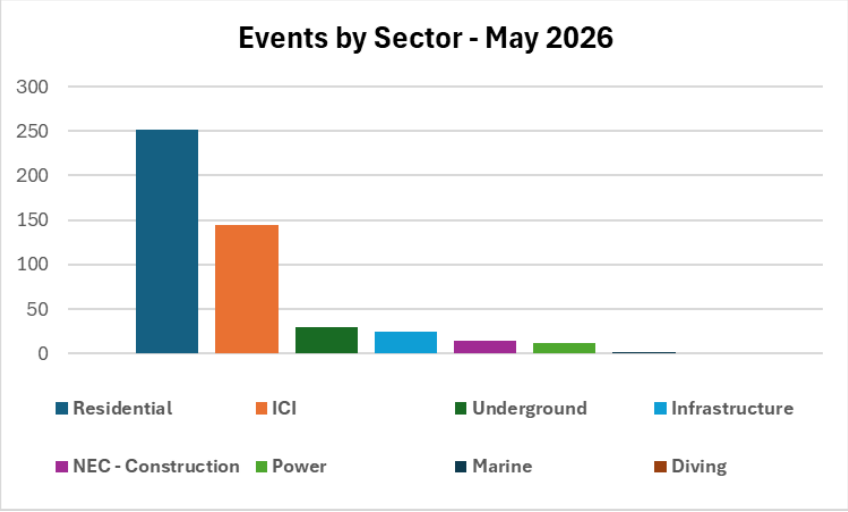
Section 4 – Enforcement Results and Trends – May 2026

MLITSD Construction Inspectors conducted **1,945** field visits to **1,454** workplaces during the month of May 2026 resulting in **4,351** total enforcement actions, which includes **399** Stop Work Orders accompanied by **590** Time Unknown Orders.

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

Fall Protection	648	
PPE (excl. Section 26)	573	
Ladders	242	
Scaffolding	222	
Housekeeping	176	
Equipment, General	171	
Emergency Management	150	
Stairs	135	
Access / Egress	127	
Excavations	114	
Sub-Total	**2,558**	**74.9%**
NOP and Registration Forms	250	7.3%
Sub-Total	**2,808**	**82.2%**
All Other Sections	610	17.8%
TOTAL	**3,418**	**100.0%**



Events by Classification (not including BOSTA)	
Complaints	367
Injuries/Incidents	71
Occurrences	30
Occupational Illness	0
Work Refusal	1
Work Stoppage	0
Reprisal	1

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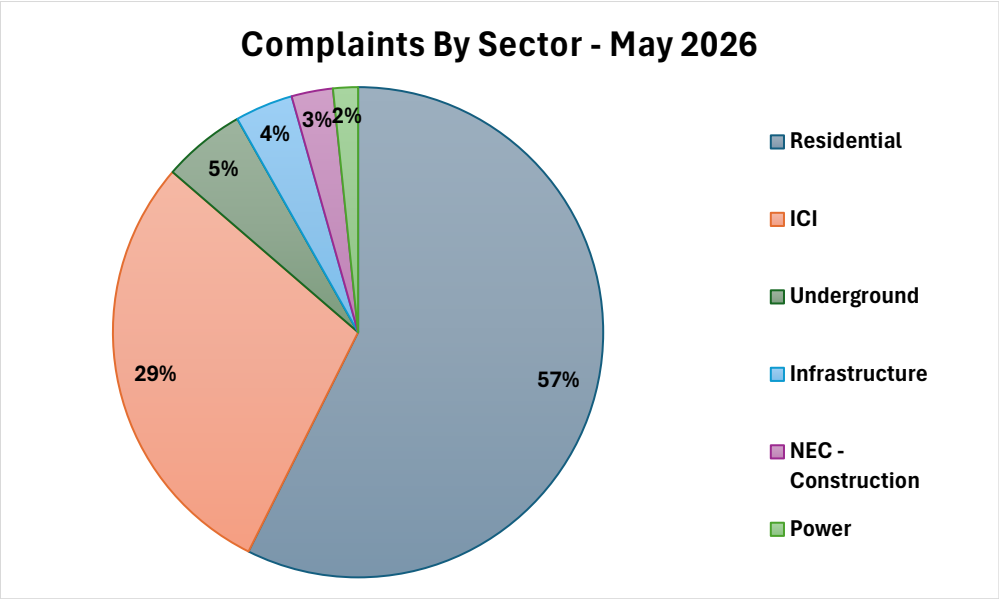

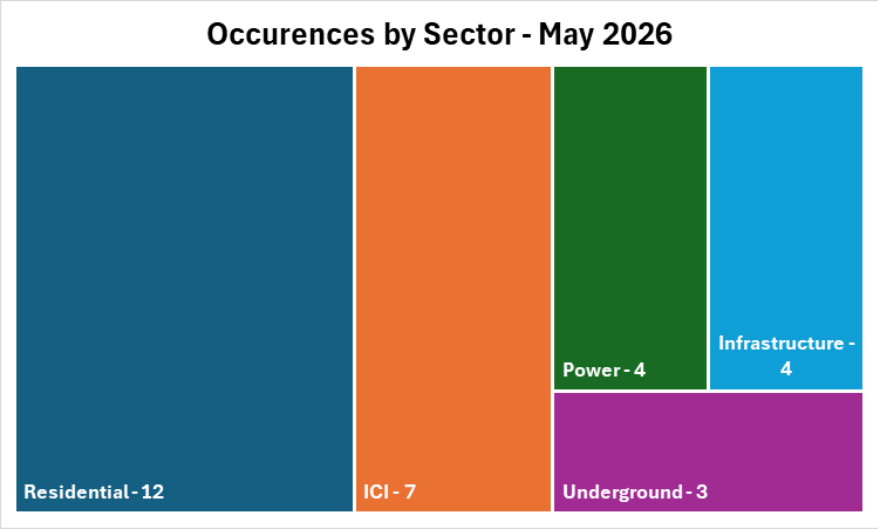

OHSA S.53 - Occurrence means:

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	May 2026	Year to Date 2026
	2	**6**
	May 2025	Year to Date 2025
	0	6

Fatalities – Year to Date 2026

Year to Date 2026 FATALS	RESS	RESM	INDU	NECC		Total
Falls from Heights	1		1			2
Falls from Ladders		1				1
Same level slips and trips						0
Struck by equipment			1			1
Other, including multiple factors, i.e. fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.				2		2
TOTAL	**1**	**1**	**2**	**2**		**6**

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)
6	**May 27, 2026**	**Brampton**	**Industrial Building Construction**	**Worker**	**Worker sustained fatal injuries after being**	**Struck By - Equipment**

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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)
					crushed by equipment.	
5	**May 19, 2026**	**Toronto**	**Single Family Housing**	**Roofer**	**Worker fell approx. 15ft, resulting in fatal injuries.**	**Fall – From Height**
4	April 24, 2026	Brantford	Industrial Building Construction	Roofer	Worker fell approx. 30ft through an opening, resulting in fatal injuries.	Fall – From Height
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	NEC - Construction

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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)
					submerged in water.	

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Critical Injuries	May 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	**41**	**180**
	April 2025	Year to Date 2025
	24	137

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 – May 2026

May 2026 CRITICALS	RESS	INST	RESM	INDU	ROAD	EXCA	COMM	NECC	POWP	SEWW	BRID	TELE	MINP		TOTAL
Falls from Heights	3	1	2			1									7
Falls From Equipment			1				1								2
Falls from Ladders	1	1	2	1					1						6
Same level slips and trips		1	3	1			2				1				8
Struck by equipment										1		1			2
Struck by material		1	1	1	1		1						1		6
Other, including multiple factors, i.e. fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.		1	1	1	1	1	3	2							10
TOTAL	4	5	10	4	2	2	7	2	1	1	1	1	1		41

Critical Injuries – Year to Date 2026

Year to Date 2026 CRITICALS	RESS	INST	RESM	INDU	ROAD	EXCA	COMM	NECC	RAIL	POWP	ETTL	HYDR	SEWW	BRID	TELE	MARE	MINP		TOTAL
Falls from Heights	5	1	6			1	5	1				1							**20**
Falls From Equipment	2	1	5	1		1	5			1									**16**
Falls from Ladders	4	3	11	1			4			1									**24**
Same level slips and trips	5	6	14	10	2	1	5	2		1	1		2	1			1		**51**
Struck by equipment		2			2	1	1		1				1		1				**9**
Struck by material	1	4	4	6	1		2		3	1	1	1					1		**25**
Other, including multiple factors, i.e. fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.	2	2	7	5	2	3	4	4		1			1		1	2	1		**35**
TOTAL	**19**	**19**	**47**	**23**	**7**	**7**	**26**	**7**	**4**	**5**	**2**	**2**	**4**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**3**		**180**

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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	May 6, 2026	London	Industrial Building Construction	Signaller	Worker suffered broken ankle after jumping out of the way to avoid on-coming vehicle.
2	May 12, 2026	Toronto	Highway & Road Construction	Worker	Worker suffered critical injuries after being struck by a passing vehicle.
3	May 12, 2026	Etobicoke	Institutional Building Construction	Glazer	Worker suffered broken leg after jumping to ground from the trailer.
4	May 13, 2026	North York	Commercial Building Construction	Worker	Worker suffered loss of consciousness.
5	May 14, 2026	North Bay	Excavation	Operator	Worker lost consciousness while cleaning out the concrete truck.
6	May 14, 2026	Whitby	Commercial Building Construction	Operator	Worker suffered broken leg when the scissor-lift he was operating tipped and fell over.
7	May 21, 2026	Toronto	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Mason	Worker sustained broken wrist.
8	May 26, 2026	East York	Subway	Labourer	Worker lost consciousness while operating compact tamper.

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9	May 28, 2026	Toronto	Commercial Building Construction	Operator	Worker lost consciousness while operating genie lift.
Fall – Same Level (9)					
1	May 1, 2026	Brockville	Bridge	Labourer	Worker suffered a fractured wrist after tripping over the median crossing the road.
2	May 2, 2026	St. Thomas	Industrial Building Construction	Worker	Worker suffered fractured ankle after tripping in a pothole.
3	May 11, 2026	Toronto	Commercial Building Construction	Labourer	Worker suffered broken ankle after tripping over exposed pipe.
4	May 13, 2026	Ajax	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Labourer	Worker suffered broken ankle as a result of tripping while carrying materials.
5	May 19, 2026	Toronto	Institutional Building Construction	Concrete Finisher	Worker tripped while walking through rebar, resulting in broken wrist.
6	May 20, 2026	Thunder Bay	Institutional Building Construction	Roofer	Worker suffered broken ankle after slipping on ice.
7	May 22, 2026	Niagara-on-the-Lake	Commercial Building Construction	Concrete Finisher	Worker suffered critical injury after tripping while walking through rebar.

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8	May 26, 2026	Hamilton	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Worker	Worker suffered fractured arm after tripping while walking through debris.
9	May 28, 2026	London	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Painter	Worker suffered broken ankle after stepping into an open drain.
Fall – From Height (7)					
1	May 2, 2026	Oshawa	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Roofer	Worker suffered multiple fractures to arms and ankles after falling approx. 35ft.
2	May 7, 2026	Sault Ste. Marie	Single Family Housing	Roofer	Worker suffered critical injury after falling from the roof.
3	May 10, 2026	Bath	Excavation	Labourer	Worker suffered broken leg after falling into an excavation.
4	May 14, 2026	Hamilton	Single Family Housing	Roofer	Worker lost consciousness after falling approx. 20ft.
5	May 27, 2026	Milton	Single Family Housing	Carpenter	Worker suffered critical injury after falling to the ground.
6	May 28, 2026	Niagara Falls	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Worker	Worker suffered broken ankle after falling into an excavation while talking on the phone.
7	May 31, 2026	Richmond Hill	Institutional Building Construction	Worker	Worker suffered broken leg after falling into an excavation while taking photos.
Fall – From Ladder (6)					

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1	May 4, 2026	Mississauga	Single Family Housing	Worker	Worker suffered a loss of consciousness after falling from a ladder.
2	May 6, 2026	Etobicoke	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Worker	Worker suffered fracture to the foot after a misstep from a ladder.
3	May 13, 2026	Tiverton	Hydroelectric Power Plants & Rel	Operator	Worker suffered broken wrist after a misstep while descending a ladder.
4	May 14, 2026	Orleans	Window Cleaning Services	Window Cleaner	Worker suffered broken leg after falling from a ladder.
5	May 15, 2026	Aurora	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Labourer	Worker suffered critical injury after falling from ladder while carrying coffee to other workers.
6	May 19, 2026	Ottawa	Industrial Building Construction	Insulator	Worker suffered broken wrist after a misstep on ladder, resulting in a fall.
Struck By - Material (6)					
1	May 4, 2026	Toronto	Commercial Building Construction	Glazer	Worker broke his femur while attempting to stop sheet of glass from falling.
2	May 5, 2026	Toronto	Institutional Building Construction	Drywaller	Worker suffered a loss of consciousness after being struck in the head by sheet metal that came loose.

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3	May 6, 2026	Milton	Highway & Road Construction	Signaller	Worker suffered broken leg after losing balance and being crushed by road signs he was holding.
4	May 10, 2026	Copper Cliff	Mining Plant Construction	Signaller	Worker suffered multiple fractures to the foot after concrete barrier fell on the worker.
5	May 13, 2026	Sarnia	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Mason	Worker suffered multiple fractures when bricks fell on his hand.
6	May 22, 2026	Cambridge	Industrial Building Construction	Labourer	Worker suffered critical injury after being struck by falling material.
Struck By – Equipment (2)					
1	May 11, 2026	Ottawa	Sewer / Watermain Construction	Operator	Worker suffered broken hand after the ratchet strap let loose and struck the worker.
2	May 27, 2026	Bowmanville	Telephone	Form Worker	Worker suffered broken ankle after form wall fell on him.
Fall – From Equipment (2)					
1	May 8, 2026	Etobicoke	Commercial Building Construction	Window Cleaner	Worker lost consciousness after falling approx. 12ft from platform.
2	May 21, 2026	Toronto	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Carpenter	Worker suffered multiple fractures to the hand after falling from baker’s scaffold.

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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