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Report for the Labour-Management Network
August 2026

Monthly Statistics

Reporting Month	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
June 2026	**3**	**35**	**38**

Fatality & Critical Injury Overview

Reporting Months	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
Year to Date 2026	**9**	**215**	**224**

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.

Section 1 – Senior Manager's Comment

While it feels very Canadian to talk about the weather, the past few weeks have been dominated by it. Violent storms, wildfire smoke, and prolonged heat waves have all been impacting work across the province. It's imperative that emergency plans are updated to reflect the changing environment. Constructors, and especially supervisors, need to be factoring the weather into their planning and how it will affect work and workers.

Over the month of August, construction inspectors will be putting a focus on hot weather plans and preventing heat stress injuries. They will be looking for plans, the triggers for putting a hot weather plan into effect, and how workers will be protected while they work. Further down in this report, there is a link to resources for constructors and employers. Our system partners also have great resources, and I encourage you to educate yourselves, supervisors, and workers on how to stay safe.

Also in this report, you'll see some changes to how we present data. We're hoping to keep the report relevant and interesting for you. Please share any feedback with me.

Sincerely, Chris Boccinfuso

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Section 2 – What's New

Avoid heat stress this summer

Working when it's hot puts stress on your body's cooling system. When ignored, it can lead to heat-related illness, disability and even death. This can happen to anybody. Under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, employers must take every reasonable precaution in the circumstances for the protection of a worker. This may include protecting workers from heat stress.

Learn more | Heat Stress Toolkit

OHCOW: Advance evidence on cancer risk factors and heat stress management

New at Occupational health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW):

- OHCOW's research paper, *Occupational and Environmental Risk Factors for Salivary Gland Cancer: A Systematic Literature Review*, has been published. Read the paper here.

Two peer-reviewed papers provide evidence supporting the validity of OHCOW's Humidex-based Heat Response Plan. Learn more about how the plan is internationally recognized as an effective method for managing heat stress.

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

Section 3 – Court Bulletin(s)

No updates this month.

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

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Section 4 – Enforcement Results and Trends – June 2026

MLITSD Construction Inspectors conducted **2,138** field visits to **1,561** workplaces during the month of June 2026 resulting in **4,761** total enforcement actions, which includes **426** Stop Work Orders accompanied by **661** Time Unknown Orders.

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

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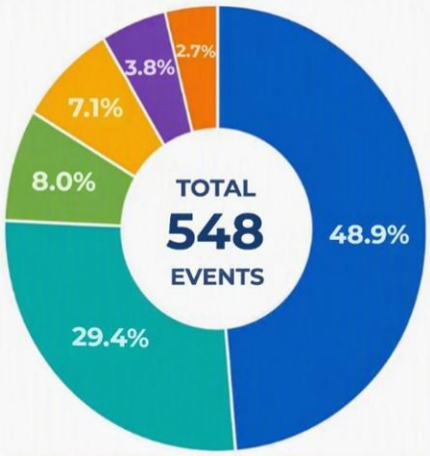
Events by Sector - June 2026



SECTOR	EVENTS	% OF TOTAL
Residential	268	48.9%
ICI	161	29.4%
Underground	44	8.0%
Infrastructure	39	7.1%
NEC - Construction	21	3.8%
Power	15	2.7%

OCCURENCES BY SECTOR
JUNE 2026

Events by Classification (not including BOSTA)	
Complaints	417
Injuries/Incidents	73
Occurrences	49
Occupational Illness	1
Work Refusal	0
Work Stoppage	0
Reprisal	1

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Section 5 – Critical Injuries & Fatalities:

Year-to-Date Overview and Comparison

Fatal Injuries	June 2026	Year to Date 2026
	3	**9**
	June 2025	Year to Date 2025
	0	6

Fatalities – Year to Date 2026

Year to Date 2026 FATALS	RESS	RESM	INDU	COMM	NECC		Total
Falls from Heights	1		1	1			3
Falls From Equipment		1					1
Falls from Ladders		1					1
Struck by equipment			1				1
Other, including multiple factors, i.e. fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.				1	2		3
TOTAL	**1**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**		**9**

Fatality Summary - 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)
9	**June 22, 2026**	**Brampton**	**Commercial Building Construction**	**Concrete Finisher**	**Worker suffered fatal injuries after falling approx. 10ft,**	**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)
					landing on the chop saw.	
8	**June 17, 2026**	**Courtice**	**Commercial Building Construction**	**Welder**	**Worker suffered fatal injuries after falling from height.**	**Fall – From Height**
7	**June 2, 2026**	**Marmora**	**Residential Building Construction**	**Roofer**	**Worker sustained fatal injuries after falling from scaffold.**	**Fall – From Equipment**
6	May 27, 2026	Brampton	Industrial Building Construction	Worker	Worker sustained fatal injuries after being crushed by equipment.	Struck 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

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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	June 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	**35**	**215**
	June 2025	Year to Date 2025
	41	172

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.

Section 1 of **O.Reg. 420/21** states:
"critically injured" *means an injury of a serious nature that*

Sub-Clause	Definition	C/Is by Definition June 2026
(a)	places life in jeopardy	6
(b)	produces unconsciousness	4
(c)	results in substantial loss of blood	0
(d)	involves the fracture of a leg or arm but not a finger or toe	25 (Arm/Hand 10 | Leg/Foot 15)
(e)	involves the amputation of a leg, arm, hand or foot but not a finger or toe	0
(f)	consists of burns to a major portion of the body	0
(g)	causes the loss of sight in an eye	0
	Total	35

Section 1 of O.Reg. 420/21 states:
"critically injured" *means an injury of a serious nature that*

Sub-Clause	Definition	C/Is by Definition TYD 2026
(a)	places life in jeopardy	31
(b)	produces unconsciousness	34
(c)	results in substantial loss of blood	2
(d)	involves the fracture of a leg or arm but not a finger or toe	148 (Arm/Hand 49 | Leg/Foot 99)
(e)	involves the amputation of a leg, arm, hand or foot but not a finger or toe	0
(f)	consists of burns to a major portion of the body	0
(g)	causes the loss of sight in an eye	0
	Total	215

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NOTE:

As we are seeing an increase of struck by vehicle incidents and less so with a collapse of structure, the charts below have been updated. 'Collapse of structure' has been replaced with 'Stuck by vehicle'. Struck by vehicle incidents were previously captured in the 'Other' row and referred to as NEC-Construction (not elsewhere captured).

Critical Injuries – June 2026

June 2026 CRITICALS	RESS	INST	RESM	INDU	ROAD	COMM	NECC	ETTL	BRID	PAVE		TOTAL
Falls from Heights			1			1						2
Falls From Equipment	1		1									2
Falls from Ladders	2		2	1	1	2	1	1				10
Same level slips and trips	2	2	1				1		1			7
Struck by equipment					1		1					2
Struck by material			2		1							3
Struck by vehicle					1		1			1		3
Other, including multiple factors, i.e. fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.	1		2			2	1					6
TOTAL	6	2	9	1	4	5	5	1	1	1		35

Critical Injuries – Year to Date 2026

Split 1

Year to Date 2026 CRITICALS	RESS	INST	RESM	INDU	ROAD	EXCA	COMM	NECC	RAIL
Falls from Heights	5	1	7			1	6	1	
Falls From Equipment	3	1	6	1		1	5		
Falls from Ladders	6	3	13	2	1		6	1	
Same level slips and trips	7	8	15	10	2	1	6	2	
Struck by equipment		2			2	1	1		1
Struck by material	1	4	6	6	2		2		3
Struck by vehicle					2		1	1	
Other, including multiple factors, i.e. fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.	3	2	9	5	2	3	6	5	
TOTAL	25	21	56	24	11	7	33	10	4

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Split 2

Year to Date 2026 CRITICALS	POWP	ETTL	HYDR	SEWW	BRID	TELE	MARE	PAVE	MINP		TOTAL
Falls from Heights			1								**22**
Falls From Equipment	1										**18**
Falls from Ladders	1										**33**
Same level slips and trips	1	2		2	2				1		**59**
Struck by equipment				1		1					**9**
Struck by material	1	1	1						1		**28**
Struck by vehicle								1			**5**
Other, including multiple factors, i.e. fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.	1			1		1	2		1		**41**
TOTAL	**5**	**3**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**3**		**215**

	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 (9)					
1	June 2, 2026	Scarborough	Commercial Building Construction	Worker	Worker suffered a broken hand after a misstep on a ladder, resulting in a fall.
2	June 4, 2026	Bancroft	Window Cleaning Services	Window Cleaner	Worker suffered critical injury after the ladder he was on was struck by a pedestrian, resulting in a fall.
3	June 5, 2026	Markham	Single Family Housing	Carpenter	Worker suffered fractured ankle after falling approx. 6ft from a ladder.
4	June 9, 2026	Toronto	Commercial Building Construction	Sheet Metal Worker	Worker suffered fractured ankle after falling from a ladder.

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5	June 12, 2026	Brampton	Industrial Building Construction	Installer	Worker suffered critical injury after falling from a ladder while installing a compressor.
6	June 12, 2026	Paris	Highway & Road Construction	Worker	Worker suffered broken leg after falling approx. 15ft from a ladder.
7	June 16, 2026	Beeton	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Worker	Worker suffered fractured ankle after a misstep on a ladder.
8	June 18, 2026	Waterloo	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Swamper	Worker suffered fractured foot after falling from a ladder while guiding a load.
9	June 29, 2026	Ottawa	Single Family Housing	Roofer	Worker suffered broken arm after falling from a ladder.
Fall – Same Level (8)					
1	June 2, 2026	Toronto	Single Family Housing	Labourer	Worker suffered two broken wrists and facial injuries after a fall.
2	June 2, 2026	Tiverton	Asbestos Removal Type 3	Electrician	Worker fractured his ankle, then lost consciousness.
3	June 3, 2026	Ajax	Bridge	Road Worker	Worker fractured ankles while walking down path beside the bridge to go underneath.
4	June 4, 2026	Ottawa	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Labourer	Worker suffered fractured ankle after falling backwards while handling material.

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5	June 11, 2026	Thunder Bay	Electrical Towers & Transmission Lines	Powerline Technician	Worker fractured wrist after falling while running lines through a wooded area.
6	June 16, 2026	Cambridge	Institutional Building Construction	Drywaller	Worker suffered fractured wrist after walking backward and tripping in debris.
7	June 22, 2026	Ottawa	Single Family Housing	Worker	Worker suffered multiple hand fractures after tripping down a set of stairs.
8	June 25, 2026	Ottawa	Institutional Building Construction	Worker (unrelated to construction project)	Worker of the institution suffered fractured elbow after falling while walking through the project.
NEC - Construction (6)					
1	June 5, 2026	Milton	Commercial Building Construction	Drywaller	Worker suffered a broken leg.
2	June 8, 2026	Greater Napanee	Commercial Building Construction	Worker	Worker lost consciousness after injuring a finger.
3	June 9, 2026	Milton	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Framer	Worker lost consciousness after cutting his finger and seeing his own blood.
4	June 16, 2026	Toronto	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Labourer	Worker suffered broken foot after jumping from a cart.

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5	June 19, 2026	Toronto	Subway	Worker	Worker suffered fractured arm after walking off a slab, falling approx. 2ft.
6	June 30, 2026	Markham	Single Family Housing	HVAC Technician	Worker lost consciousness.
Struck By - Material (3)					
1	June 3, 2026	Toronto	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Labourer	Worker fractured two fingers after they were pinched between a skid and disposal skip.
2	June 18, 2026	Vaughan	Highway & Road Construction	Road Worker	Worker suffered fractured arm after being struck by falling steel plates.
3	June 30, 2026	Chatham-Kent	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Labourer	Worker suffered critical injury after being struck by a temporary wall that fell over.
Struck By – Vehicle (3)					
1	June 19, 2026	Aurora	Cable	Road Worker	Worker suffered fractured leg after being struck by another vehicle on site.
2	June 22, 2026	Mallorytown	Highway & Road Construction	Road Worker	Worker suffered loss of consciousness after being struck by a transport.
3	June 30, 2026	Whitchurch-Stouffville	Asphalt Paving	Road Worker	Worker suffered critical injury after being struck by a passing vehicle.

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Fall – From Equipment (2)					
1	June 1, 2026	Dundas	Residential Building Construction	Operator	Worker was standing on a bobcat while it reversed, causing the worker to fall, resulting in a broken ankle.
2	June 5, 2026	Oakville	Single Family Housing	Labourer	Worker suffered broken leg after falling from scaffold he was dismantling.
Fall – From Height (2)					
1	June 5, 2026	North York	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Framer	Worker suffered critical injury after falling.
2	June 23, 2026	Toronto	Commercial Building Construction	Roofer	Worker suffered life threatening injuries after falling approx. 30ft.
Struck By - Equipment (2)					
1	June 13, 2026	Brampton	Highway & Road Construction	Operator	Worker suffered broken leg while attempting to transport equipment and materials.
2	June 23, 2026	Kashabowie	Well Drilling	Drill Operator	Worker suffered fractured ankle after being struck by a forklift operating in reverse.

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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