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Report for the Labour-Management Network
September 2026

Monthly Statistics

Reporting Month	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
July 2026	**0**	**49**	**49**

Fatality & Critical Injury Overview

Reporting Months	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
Year to Date 2026	**9**	**264**	**273**

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

As the summer starts to come to an end, my team is beginning to think about how we'll focus our proactive enforcement campaign for 2027/28. Our review of orders and injuries from the past years gives some insight on a common theme for a significant proportion. The movement of workers, material, equipment, and vehicles on projects is a common nexus for events, orders, and injuries. We'll be seeking advice from the PLMHSC & PLMHSC-EU in the fall around this theme and how it can promote safer work in construction.

From the stats this month, July saw a leap in the number of orders around ladders. They have been consistently involved in critical injuries month to month. Please encourage workers and supervisors on your projects to think hard about alternative, safer methods of accessing or working at heights. There were no construction fatalities in July for which I'm grateful. Let's keep that trend going.

Sincerely, Chris Boccinfuso

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Section 2 – What's New

No updates this month.

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 – July 2026

MLITSD Construction Inspectors conducted **1,885** field visits to **1,409** workplaces in July 2026 resulting in **4,312** total enforcement actions. Below is a list of the most common Orders issued.

Common Orders under O.Reg. 213/91	
PPE	583
Fall Protection	553
Notification / Information Forms	285
Ladders	230
Housekeeping	210
Scaffolding	205
Equipment, General	175
Stairs	134
Emergency Management	126
Excavations	124
Access / Egress	124
Hygiene	109
Fire Control	107
Traffic Control	94

Common Orders under OHSA	
Time Unknown Orders	609
Stop Work Orders	420
S. 54 Requirements	284
S. 25 - Employer Responsibilities	54
S. 8 - Worker Representative	46
S.9 - JHSC	16

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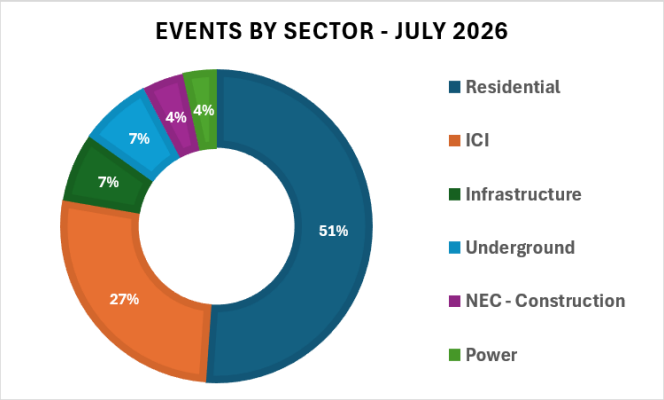

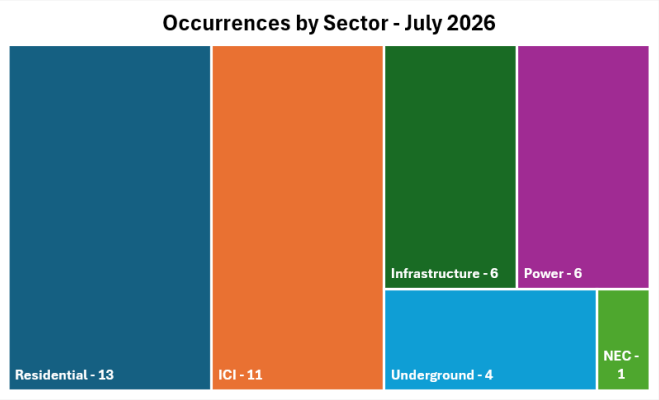

Events by Classification (not including BOSTA)	
Complaints	446
Injuries / Incidents	85
Occurrences	41
Reprisal	2
Occ. Illness	1
Work Refusal	0
Work Stoppage	0

Section 5 – Critical Injuries & Fatalities:

Year-to-Date Overview and Comparison

Fatal Injuries	July 2026	Year to Date 2026
	0	**9**
	July 2025	Year to Date 2025
	0	6

Fatalities – Year to Date 2026

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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, landing on the chop saw.	NEC - Construction
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

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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)
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
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	NEC - Construction

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					was submerged in water.	

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Critical Injuries	July 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	**49**	**264**
	July 2025	Year to Date 2025
	24	143

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	July 2026		YTD 2026	
(a) places life in jeopardy	**12**		**43**	
(b) produces unconsciousness	**6**		**40**	
(c) results in substantial loss of blood	**1**		**3**	
(d) involves the fracture of a leg or arm but not a finger or toe	**30**		**178**	
	Arms/Hands	Legs/Feet	Arms/Hands	Legs/Feet
	11	19	60	118
(e) involves the amputation of a leg, arm, hand or foot but not a finger or toe	**0**		**0**	
(f) consists of burns to a major portion of the body	**0**		**0**	
(g) causes the loss of sight in an eye	**0**		**0**	
Total	**49**		**264**	

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Critical Injuries – July 2026

July 2026 CRITICALS	RESS	INST	RESM	INDU	ROAD	COMM	NECC	ETTL	HYDR	PAVE	CAIS		TOTAL
Falls from Heights	3		2			1							**6**
Falls From Equipment			3	1		1							**5**
Falls from Ladders	3	2	4										**9**
Same level slips and trips		2	2		1	1				1			**7**
Struck by equipment			2	1		1	1						**5**
Struck by material	2	1	1		2	1			1				**8**
Electrical Contact						1							**1**
Other, including multiple factors, i.e. fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.	2	1	2				1	1			1		**8**
TOTAL	**10**	**6**	**16**	**2**	**3**	**6**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**		**49**

Critical Injuries – Year to Date 2026

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Year to Date 2026 CRITICALS	RESS	INST	RESM	INDU	ROAD	EXCA	COMM	NECC	RAIL	POWP	ETTL
Falls from Heights	8	1	9			1	7	1			
Falls From Equipment	3	1	6	2		1	6			1	
Falls from Ladders	9	5	17	2	1		6	1		1	
Same level slips and trips	7	10	17	10	3	1	7	2		1	2
Struck by equipment		2	5	1	2	1	2	1	1		
Struck by material	3	5	7	6	4		3		3	1	1
Struck by vehicle					2		1	1			
Electrical Contact							1				
Other, including multiple factors, i.e. fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.	5	3	11	5	2	3	6	6		1	1
TOTAL	**35**	**27**	**72**	**26**	**14**	**7**	**39**	**12**	**4**	**5**	**4**

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Year to Date 2026 CRITICALS	HYDR	SEWW	BRID	TELE	MARE	PAVE	MINP	CAIS		TOTAL
Falls from Heights	1									**28**
Falls From Equipment										**20**
Falls from Ladders										**42**
Same level slips and trips		2	2			1	1			**66**
Struck by equipment		1		1						**17**
Struck by material	2						1			**36**
Struck by vehicle						1				**5**
Electrical Contact										**1**
Other, including multiple factors, i.e. fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.		1		1	2		1	1		**49**
TOTAL	**3**	**4**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**3**	**1**		**264**

	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	July 6, 2026	North York	Single Family Housing	Solar Panel Installer	Worker suffered critical injuries after falling approx. 25ft from a ladder.
2	July 7, 2026	Manotick	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Form Worker	Worker suffered a fractured leg after falling from a ladder.
3	July 13, 2026	Richmond Hill	Institutional Building Construction	Worker	Worker suffered fractured foot after falling from a ladder.
4	July 14, 2026	Ottawa	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Concrete Finisher	Worker suffered fractured leg after jumping from a ladder.

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5	July 20, 2026	Toronto	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Electrician	Worker suffered a broken ankle after falling from a ladder.
6	July 22, 2026	Scarborough	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Electrician	Worker suffered critical injuries after falling approx. 8ft from a ladder.
7	July 22, 2026	Bradford	Institutional Building Construction	Ceiling Tile Installer	Worker suffered a fractured arm after falling from a ladder.
8	July 24, 2026	Caledon	Single Family Housing	Framer	Worker suffered broken wrist after falling from ladder.
9	July 29, 2026	Peterborough	Single Family Housing	Carpenter	Worker suffered life threatening injury after falling from a ladder.
NEC - Construction (8)					
1	July 2, 2026	St. Catharines	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Carpenter	Worker drill slipped while he was operating it, resulting in a fractured wrist.
2	July 12, 2026	Marmora	Institutional Building Construction	Concrete Finisher	Worker lost consciousness after inhaling concrete dust.
3	July 15, 2026	Richmond Hill	Cofferdam	Worker	Worker lost consciousness while working in a maintenance hole.
4	July 20, 2026	Clarington	Single Family Housing	Fuel Operator	Worker lost consciousness twice while refueling an excavator.

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5	July 23, 2026	Kawartha Lakes	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Drywaller	Worker lost consciousness after suffering long laceration.
6	July 27, 2026	Toronto	Single Family Housing	Carpenter	Worker suffered critical injury to his hand after it came into contact with circular saw.
7	July 27, 2026	Tiverton	Hydroelectric Power Plants & Rel	Confined Space Attendant	Worker lost consciousness.
8	July 28, 2026	Orleans	Asbestos Removal Type 1	Electrician	Worker suffered broken arm after coming into contact with brick wall.
Struck By - Material (8)					
1	July 7, 2026	North Stormont	Commercial Building Construction	Form Worker	Worker suffered life threatening injuries after being struck by a form wall.
2	July 13, 2026	Toronto	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Swamper	Worker suffered fractured hand after it was struck by the load being lowered into place.
3	July 15, 2026	Toronto	Hydro	Excavator	Worker suffered fractured hand when debris from above fell and struck him.
4	July 15, 2026	Toronto	Highway & Road Construction	Concrete Worker	Worker suffered broken hand after material being demolished made contact with him.

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5	July 17, 2026	London	Single Family Housing	Form Worker	Worker suffered critical injury after being struck by a falling wall.
6	July 20, 2026	Toronto	Institutional Building Construction	Glazer	Worker suffered broken ankle after being struck by material being moved by a pump truck.
7	July 23, 2026	Dobie	Highway & Road Construction	Worker	Worker suffered fractured leg after being struck by steel plates being positioned.
8	July 29, 2026	Muskoka Lakes	Single Family Housing	Carpenter	Worker suffered fractured ankle after a wall fell on him.
Fall – Same Level (7)					
1	July 2, 2026	London	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Labourer	Worker suffered a fractured ankle after tripping through rebar.
2	July 9, 2026	Mississauga	Institutional Building Construction	Worker	Worker suffered a fractured ankle after a misstep on the stairs.
3	July 9, 2026	Ottawa	Asphalt Paving	Signaller	Worker suffered broken arm when she tripped while walking.
4	July 20, 2026	Mississauga	Commercial Building Construction	Worker	Worker suffered fractured ankle after falling down site trailer steps.
5	July 21, 2026	Markham	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Worker	Worker suffered a broken wrist after falling over material while walking backward.

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6	July 26, 2026	Mississauga	Highway & Road Construction	Worker	Worker suffered fractured ankle after falling into a hole while carrying a beam and walking backward.
7	July 30, 2026	Georgina	Institutional Building Construction	Worker	Worker suffered fractured ankle while walking through grassy area.
Fall – From Height (6)					
1	July 2, 2026	Ottawa	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Roofer	Worker suffered life threatening injuries after falling from a roof.
2	July 9, 2026	Douro-Dummer	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Delivery Driver	Worker suffered life threatening injuries after a fall from the main floor to basement.
3	July 13, 2026	Almira	Commercial Building Construction	Worker	Worker suffered broken foot after falling approx. 9ft from a mezzanine.
4	July 16, 2026	Scarborough	Single Family Housing	Roofer	Worker suffered critical injuries after falling from a roof.
5	July 29, 2026	Washago	Single Family Housing	Arborist	Worker lost consciousness after falling approx. 15ft from a tree.
6	July 31, 2026	Orangeville	Single Family Housing	Carpenter	Worker suffered life threatening injuries after falling from second floor to main.
Fall – From Equipment (5)					

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1	July 7, 2026	South-West Oxford	Commercial Building Construction	Mason	Worker suffered life threatening injuries after falling from scaffold.
2	July 9, 2026	Kitchener	Industrial Building Construction	Form Worker	Worker suffered a fractured ankle after falling from scaffold.
3	July 13, 2026	Kingston	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Form Worker	Worker suffered multiple fractures of his right foot after falling from a form.
4	July 22, 2026	Kanata	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Drywaller	Worker fractured wrist after falling approx. 6ft from a scaffold.
5	July 23, 2026	Val Caron	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Carpenter	Worker suffered broken leg after falling from scaffold.
Struck By - Equipment (5)					
1	July 3, 2026	Peterborough	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Labourer	Worker suffered a fractured ankle when the portable toilet he was moving fall on his foot.
2	July 3, 2026	Dubreuilville	Industrial Building Construction	Operator	Worker suffered a broken leg when part of the crane contacted him.
3	July 9, 2026	London	NEC - Construction	Electrician	Worker suffered broken foot when scaffolding fell on him.
4	July 14, 2026	Kingston	Commercial Building Construction	Roofer	Worker sustained fractured wrist when a piece of equipment struck him.

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5	July 22, 2026	Ottawa	Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	Labourer	Worker suffered critical injury after being struck by garbage bin as it was being lifted.
Electrical Contact (1)					
1	July 29, 2026	Cambridge	Commercial Building Construction	Electrician	Worker suffered life threatening injuries after receiving electrical shock.

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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