

Health and Safety eNews

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Incidents Recently Reported to the OHS Contact Centre

These are summaries of selected work-related incidents recently reported to Alberta OHS. They may help you prevent similar incidents. The summaries are based on information obtained as soon as possible after the incident. They are preliminary and subject to change. Because they are being investigated by the employers involved, no additional information is available at this time.

- A worker removed a tarp and protective grating over an opening to do some work. Once finished, the worker placed the tarp over the opening without replacing the grating. Another worker stepped onto the tarp, falling 14 feet to the floor below. *Construction and Construction Trades*
- A worker had a rag wrapped around a hand and was cleaning the steady rest of a lathe. The rag became tangled in the rotating lead screw and his hand was dragged into it. This resulted in an amputation injury. *Manufacturing and Processing*
- Workers were installing metal seam roofing material on a commercial building. One worker on the leading edge of the roof unclipped from their self-retracting lanyard to adjust roof sheets. The worker stepped onto two overlapping roof sheets that were not on supporting joists. The sheets gave way and the worker fell 10 metres to the gravel ground below. *Construction and Construction Trades*
- A worker was operating a telehandler to unload long bundles of rebar from a trailer. The telehandler was on a slope on soft ground. The worker exceeded the load rating for the lift and the telehandler tipped over. The operator suffered a moderate injury. The telehandler was taken out of service. *Construction and Construction Trades*
- A worker was attempting to hook his fall protection into an anchor when he began sliding down the roof deck. The worker slid approximately three metres before the self-retracting lanyard (SRL) device stopped the worker from falling off the roof edge to the ground approximately six metres below. The worker was in a seated position when he slid, sustaining a compound fracture to the lower right leg as a result of hitting the adjacent roof. *Construction and Construction Trades*

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[Report an Incident](#)

New OHS Bulletin

[Employers' Guide on How to Conduct a Worker Exposure Assessment for Silica](#)

OHS Code Explanation Guide – Use It!



Not sure what a particular requirement of the OHS Code means or how to comply with it? The [Explanation Guide](#) uses plain language, illustrations, and tables to explain what's meant by each section of the OHS Code. The Explanation Guide should be your go-to source for information.

Z1005 Incident Investigation and Prevention CSA Group's new standard covering incident investigation and prevention is available for public review. Comments accepted until December 24, 2016. [Draft Standard for Public Review](#)

Farming and Ranching Consultations: Progress Update

Technical working groups are developing recommendations on how employment standards, occupational health and safety, and labour relations requirements should be applied in the agriculture sector.

[Working Group Updates](#)

Locking out and releasing energy

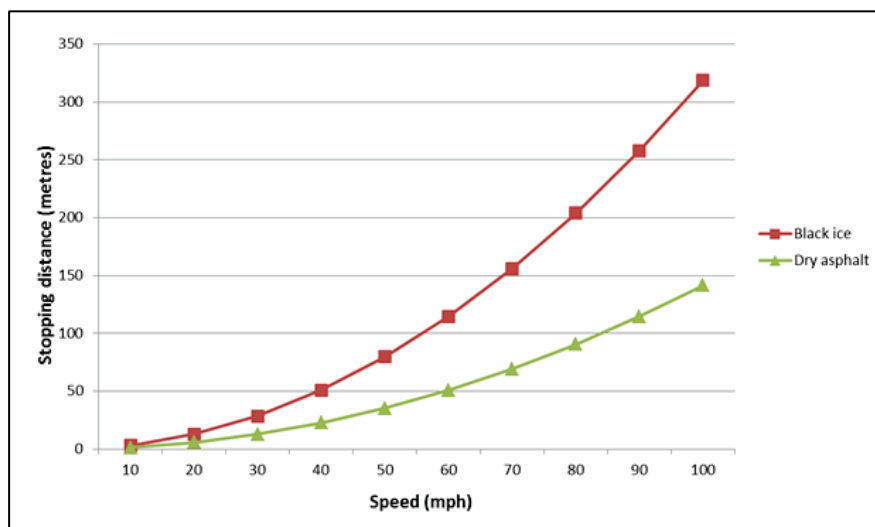
One worker was killed. Another critically injured. A mining company in Ontario was found guilty. Mechanical systems must be locked out before work begins. But that might not be enough. As highlighted in this Court Bulletin, stored energy must also be released. [Fatality and \\$1 million fine.](#)

Winter Driving

We all have a part in keeping our highways safe this winter. [AB Transportation](#) has tips to help you navigate the roads. Here are some extra tips for [working in the cold](#).



[Stopping distance vs speed](#) for dry asphalt and black ice



[Additional Winter Driving Tips](#)

- Pull away and accelerate gently and progressively
- Quickly recover from wheelspin
- Reduce torque at the wheels
- Avoid sudden driver inputs
- Make the best use of ABS
- Use a trailing throttle through corners
- Carry speed up slopes
- Control speed down slopes