

# 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 was checking fluid levels on a generator. While checking glycol levels, using a handheld lighter to illuminate the area, a flash fire happened. The injured worker was transported to hospital and treated for first and second degree burns. The worker was released the same day. *Mining and Petroleum Development*
- A worker was helping load a large truck onto a nine-axle low-boy trailer. The driver of the tractor unit reversed the front section of the trailer to connect with the rear section. The worker was pinned between the front and rear sections of the trailer. The worker suffered a serious injury to his lower left leg and was transported to hospital. *Transportation, Communication, and Utilities*

- A worker was standing on the third step of a 3-step step ladder. The worker was getting an item off the second shelf of warehouse racking. The worker's wet boots slipped, causing the worker to lose their balance. Trying to regain balance, the worker grabbed at another box on the racking, but fell anyway. The box fell on top of the worker. Discovered lying on the floor by a co-worker, the worker was disorientated and could not recall what day it was. In hospital the worker was diagnosed with a head injury and broken collar bone. The worker was discharged that evening. *Retail and Wholesale Trade*

## WHMIS High Pressure Sales Tactics

The Alberta Government has received reports and complaints about aggressive, high pressure sales tactics by commercial providers of workplace safety training for the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS). There is no requirement for an employer to use a commercial training provider or materials created by a commercial company to conduct WHMIS training.

[Information on WHMIS](#)

**CSA Z1220 Workplace First Aid Kits** draft standard is available for [Public Review](#). Review period closes February 7, 2017.

## Drunk or high – you can't drive!

There is no difference between [drugged driving](#) and [drunk driving](#).

### Contact OHS

1-866-415-8690 (toll-free) 780-415-690 (Edmonton)  
TTY: 780-427-9999 (Edmonton) TTY: 1-800-232-7215  
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### Updated OHS Safety Bulletins

OHS publishes Safety Bulletins on a wide range of topics. While you'll find the complete library [here](#), the following bulletins have recently been updated:

[Asbestos-Containing Materials in Buildings to be Demolished](#)

[Asbestos at the Worksite](#)

[Fatigue, Extended Work Hours, and Safety in the Workplace](#)

[Do I Have a Workplace Mould Problem?](#)

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

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[Lifting and Your Back – Some Fresh Ideas](#)

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[Worker's Guide to OHS](#)

[Employer's Guide to OHS](#)

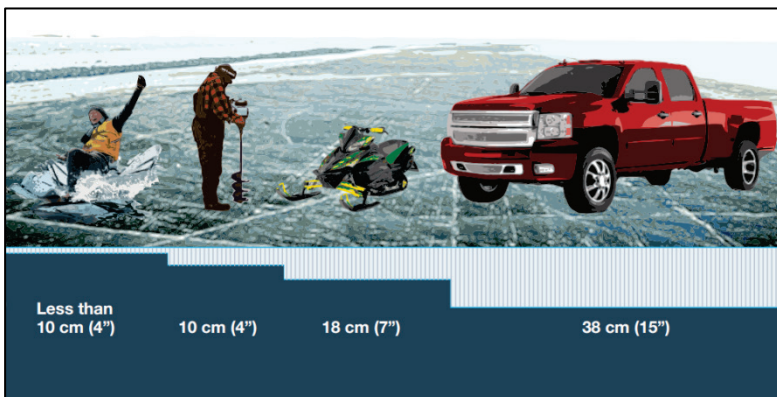
### Footwear that doesn't slip on ice

Researchers at the WinterLab of the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, part of the University Health Network, tested 98 different models of boots to see how slip-resistant they were. Only nine passed the slip test. [Find out which ones made the grade.](#)

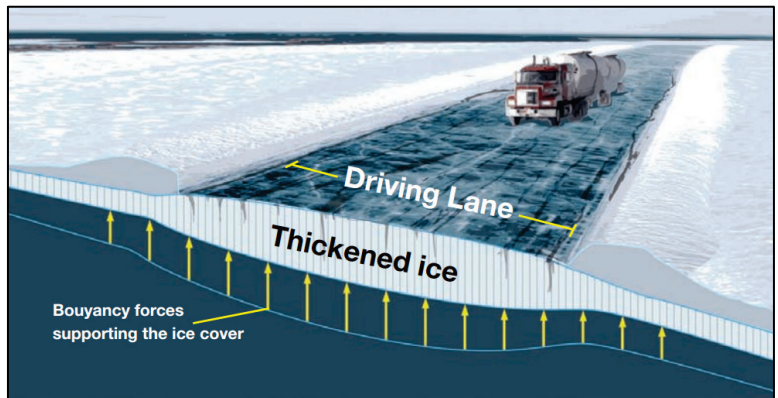


### By the Numbers

Working on ice covers this winter? Take a look at the [OHS Best Practice for Building and Working Safely on Ice Covers](#) and the [Field Guide to Working Safely on Ice Covers](#).



**Recommended minimum ice thicknesses when working on ice:** Here are the weight limits for these ice thicknesses: people < 120 kg; snowmobiles < 500 kg; light trucks < 5,000 kg.



On ice roads, ice thickens where it's clear of insulating snow cover. That's why snow piles must be placed so far back to create a wide driving lane.

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