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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 assembling a scaffold. While moving across sections of the erected scaffold the worker slipped and fell approximately 4.3 m. The worker was wearing fall protection equipment at the time but was not tied off. The worker underwent surgery at the local hospital. *Construction and Construction Trades*

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- A mechanic had difficulty removing a ball joint on a vehicle. The mechanic held a ballpeen hammer on top of the ball joint and another worker struck the hammer with a sledgehammer. A small metal fragment was knocked off the head of the sledgehammer and entered the mechanic's chest, causing internal injuries. The metal fragment was removed during surgery. *Retail and Wholesale Trade*

- A worker was attempting to clean an ice block out of an auger on an ice re-surfacing machine. The worker's left hand got caught in the moving auger. The worker suffered numerous broken bones and partial amputation of the index finger on that hand. *Public Administration, Education and Health Services*
- A worker was operating an overhead crane with a wireless remote, moving steel joists. The worker pushed a wrong button on the remote. This caused the load to swing, crushing the worker's right forearm against a post. The worker was taken to the hospital for surgery. *Manufacturing and Processing*

Alberta High School Video Contest deadline is fast approaching



Mar 17, 2017 is the submission date for high school students to showcase their creativity and develop a video on the

importance of working in a healthy and safe manner. Cash prizes for first, second and third place winners will be awarded, along with matching prizes to the winners' schools!

[Contest details](#)

Research grants support safe, healthy workplaces

Eight new research projects funded through Alberta Labour's OHS Futures program last year focus on improving workplace health and safety in the province. Find them [here](#).

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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 Exposure in the Demolition and Renovation Industries](#)

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Safe Stages – an OHS best practice for the theatre industry



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UPDATE The Government of Alberta approved the transition of the [Alberta College of Paramedics](#) to the Health Professions Act (HPA) under the Paramedics Profession Regulation. As of January 1, 2017, the Alberta College of Paramedics recognizes the following classes of paramedic registration:

- Emergency Medical Responder
- Primary Care Paramedic (PCP) – replaces Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Advanced Care Paramedic (ACP) – replaces Emergency Medical Technologist (EMT-P)

Alberta OHS accepts these new classifications. PCPs can act in the role of EMTs and ACPs can act in the role of EMT-Ps as described in the OHS Code.

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