

# HEALTH & SAFETY NEWS



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## September 2020

"NCA Health & Safety News" provides you with valuable information and assists in your quest to achieve a world-class safety culture. We believe that developing a safe work ethic is a never-ending process that must be part of every business's professional development. Please do not hesitate to contact the **office** with your input, suggestions or safety questions. We value your feedback!



### IHSA 2-Minute News - September 2020



- IHSA Safety Talk: Sharing the road with trucks
- Have your say on IHSA's next strategic plan
- IHSA supports Falls Awareness week September 14-18
- MLTSD releases guidelines for access and fall protection in window cleaning
- Product spotlight: Training Requirements Chart (W001)
- Training spotlight: Trenching Safety eLearning
- CVSA Brake Safety Week set for August 23-29

Click [HERE](#) for full newsletter



### IHSA supports Falls Awareness Week September 14-18

Falls from heights and same-level falls can happen anywhere, anytime. Every year, falls result in a significant number of worker injuries and deaths, particularly in construction. But falls are preventable.

Participate in Ontario's annual Falls Awareness Week (FAW) this year by taking 15-30 minutes to hold a safety talk about preventing falls in the workplace.



Available to all NCA Members:

## WSIB 2019 Annual Report "NEW" Health and Safety Excellence Program



The WSIB has a new health and safety program that integrates the strengths of their three previous programs into one.

The new program provides a clear roadmap for businesses to improve workplace safety, whether they are just getting started or want to optimize systems and processes they already have in place. Please email [karin@niagaraconstruction.org](mailto:karin@niagaraconstruction.org) for more information. <https://www.wsib.ca/en/healthandsafety>

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## WSIB 2019 Annual Report

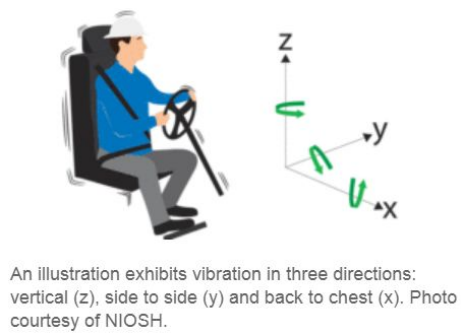
The WSIB posted its 2019 Annual Report. Ian Cunningham of COCA provided the following summary:

Highlights of the provincial compensation agency's 2019 year include the following:

- At December 31, 2019 the WSIB was fully funded with a sufficiency ratio was 113.7% and net assets of \$4.3B
- The published Average Premium Rate for 2019 was 29.8% lower than the previous year
- Investment returns for the year were 12.6%, well in excess of the long term target range of 3.5%-6.7%
- Revenue included Net Premium Income of \$3,679 and Net Investment income of \$4,051 = \$7,730
- Expenses included Claims Costs of \$2,887, Loss of Retirement Income Fund Contribution of \$57, Administrative and Other Expenses of \$484 and Legislated Obligations and Funding Commitments of \$257 = \$3,685
- The number of claims increased by 2% but lost time claims decreased by 0.2% and non-lost time claims increased by a little more than 2%
- Permanent impairments increased from 5.5% in 2018 to 6% but were within the expected threshold of 6.5%
- Of concern is the continuing increase in claims durations
- 1102 claims were locked-in at 72 months duration, a decrease of 6 from the previous year
- Administrative expenses were \$22M under budget
- 96 per cent of people were able to find work after completing a return-to-work plan; this was an improvement from the previous year's 95%
- Nine out of 10 people who lost time at work due to an injury or illness returned to work within one year without any loss of income
- The WSIB's Health and Safety Index shows an improvement in workplace health and safety improved of 1.9% over the previous year

For the full report, click on the following link [WSIB 2019 annual report.pdf](#)





What adverse health and safety outcomes can result from work exposure to whole body vibration? And what measures can employers put in place to protect vehicle operators? Find out in a September 16 webinar being offered by the Centre of Research Expertise for the Prevention of Musculoskeletal Disorders (CRE-MSD) - [Sign up for the webinar](#)  
Source: Institute for Work & Health

[https://www.iwh.on.ca/archive/iwhnews/iwhnews\\_2020\\_08.html](https://www.iwh.on.ca/archive/iwhnews/iwhnews_2020_08.html)



**SPEAKERS**

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Ministry of  
Labour, Training  
and Skills  
Development

**OXFORD BUILDERS SUPPLIES**  
Mike DeMelo,  
Vice President,  
Oxford Builders  
Supplies

The League of Champions Presents  
**Tower Crane Safety: Are YOU in Compliance?**  
TUESDAY, September 15, 2020 | 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM | via ZOOM

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Recent events have reminded us how important it is to ensure that tower cranes are properly maintained and erected. Take this opportunity to make sure your workers and equipment are safe and in compliance.

Presenters will include:

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Mike DeMelo, VP, Equipment Manager, Oxford Builders Supplies

Following the presentations, Dennis Cancian, Executive Director, Ontario Formwork Association will join the panel discussion and question and answer session.

[Click here to register for this FREE webinar now!](#)

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## MLTSD Labour-Management Report for:

[July 2020](#)

[August 2020](#)

[September 2020](#)

Click above for full reports (critical injuries, fatalities, Provincial Coordinator's Comment, incidence details and codes, news)

Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development  
Occupational Health and Safety Branch  
Construction Health and Safety Program  
Report for the Labour-Management Network, July 2020

Reporting Month Statistics

Reporting Month	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
May 1 - 31, 2020	0	32	32

Fatality & Critical Injury Year-to-Date Overview – Construction

Injury Type	2020	
	January 1 – May 31	January 1 – May 31
Fatal	8	3
Critical	96	117

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.



## Construction sector compliance plan 2020-2021

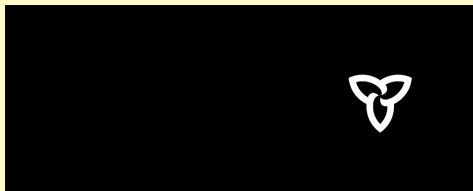
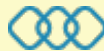
### Tower crane inspection and maintenance

From August 31, 2020 to December 31, 2020 we will run an initiative that focuses on tower crane inspections and maintenance on projects. This will ensure compliance with:

- manufacturer instructions
- applicable sections within Ontario Regulation 213/91 for construction projects

### Focused inspections

From August 31, 2020 to December 31, 2020 we plan to inspect every tower crane on construction projects throughout the province. [READ MORE](#)



### Start an apprenticeship

Find out how you qualify and apply to be an apprentice in a skilled trade - [Click Here.](#)

### Money for apprentices

There are many provincial and federal supports for apprentices, including:

- up to \$4,000 in interest-free federal loans for training in a Red Seal trade
- up to \$4,000 in federal grants if you're out of high school and training in a Red Seal trade
- income support through federal employment insurance to help with full-time technical training costs
- \$2,000 once you finish your apprenticeship

### Tools Grant

A new, non-repayable Tools Grant is available for apprentices as of August 2020.

As an apprentice, this grant will help you pay for tools and equipment for your trade.

The amount of the grant depends on which trade sector you're apprenticing in. The grant amounts are as follows:

- \$1,000 for motive power sector trades
- \$600 for construction sector trades
- \$600 for industrial sector trades
- \$400 for service sector trades

View the full list of [trades by sector.](#)

To qualify for the grant, you must have:

- completed or been exempted from level one in-class training, on or after April 1, 2020
- a registered training agreement
- been registered as an apprentice for at least 12 months

Click [HERE](#) to read all.

## H&S Training at the NCA



Stay tuned for upcoming  
NCA Training Courses Schedule  
(membership discounts)

◆ Live Webinars

◆ Online

Safety courses created to enhance health and safety awareness and help prevent injuries to workers, e.g. Confined Space Safety Awareness, Pipeline Construction Safety Training and more - safety and management courses. Click [HERE](#) for available courses.



## Helpful H&S Resources and Information

Ontario 

What's New -  
[AUGUST ISSUE](#)

Ministry of Labour,  
Training & Skilled  
Trades  
[NEWSROOM](#)

 Infrastructure Health  
& Safety Association  
*Work Safe for Life*

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### PARTNERS ALIGNED TOGETHER FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY

NCA has made safety awareness a primary initiative for our Association.

We have launched our PATHS initiative, Partners Aligned Together for Health and Safety, formally making a stronger commitment to safety awareness and training.



Visit the NCA website