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New and updated OHS resources

Visit the [OHS Resource Portal](#) for bulletins, infographics and recorded webinars supporting workplace health and safety in Alberta.

New

Ukrainian-language resources:

- [Довідник з ОПіТБ: працівники](#) (Guide to OHS: Workers)
- [Охорона праці і техніка безпеки та внутрішня система відповідальності](#) (Occupational health and safety and the internal responsibility system)
- [Небезпека послизання, спотикання та падіння у весняний період](#) (Spring slips, trips, and falls)
- [Поширені ризики, пов'язані з падінням](#) (Common fall hazards)

French-language resources:

- [Virus respiratoires et milieu de travail](#) (Respiratory viruses and the workplace)
- [Évaluation et contrôle des risques psychosociaux au travail](#) (Assessment and control of psychosocial hazards in the workplace)
- [Programmes de santé et sécurité](#) (Health and safety programs)
- [Comités et représentants de la santé et de la sécurité](#) (Health and safety committees and representatives)
- [Harcèlement et violence en milieu de travail](#) (Harassment and violence in the workplace)
- [Harcèlement et violence au travail : modèles de prévention](#) (Harassment and violence in the workplace: prevention templates)



Several OHS Code changes in effect as of March 31

As previously announced by the Government of Alberta, a number of changes to the Occupational Health and Safety Code (OHS Code) came into effect on March 31, 2023.

The [revised OHS Code](#) has been posted online. In addition, several resources describing highlights of the OHS Code changes are available in the [Legislation changes](#) section of the OHS Resource Portal. More resources will be added as they become available.

An amendment regulation was passed in December 2022 to enact the changes. This regulation, which contains details of the changes, can be viewed [here](#).

To ensure the OHS Code is kept current, a three-year [review plan](#) is underway to help decide which parts of the OHS Code will be reviewed next.

If you have questions about the OHS Code review, contact lbr.ohsreview@gov.ab.ca.



Canadian Mental Health Week

According to the Canadian Mental Health Association, one in every five Canadians experiences a mental health issue each year. Canadian Mental Health Week, which takes place this year from May 1-7, offers an opportunity to look at protecting mental health in the workplace by eliminating or controlling psychosocial hazards.

Several relevant resources are available on the OHS Resource Portal, including videos, bulletins, posters, and postcards relating to psychosocial hazards and workplace mental health. To access these resources, visit the [Psychosocial hazards](#) category on the OHS Resource Portal.



Emergency Preparedness Week

This May 7-13 is Emergency Preparedness Week, an annual national event supported by Public Safety Canada and emergency management organizations throughout the country. During this time, everyone is encouraged to think about what they would do in an emergency, and take action to ensure they are prepared if disaster strikes.

Having a response plan ready before an emergency occurs is an important part of occupational health and safety. A comprehensive [toolkit for emergency response planning](#) has recently been updated; this toolkit is a great resource you can use in your workplace to make sure everyone knows what to do in an emergency.

For additional information and resources related to Emergency Preparedness Week in Alberta, visit alberta.ca/emergency-preparedness-week.aspx.



Young workers

With summer approaching, many young people will be entering the workforce for the first time. Young workers are at risk of being injured for reasons such as inexperience, insufficient training, inadequate supervision, and not knowing their workplace rights and responsibilities.

A number of recently updated resources for young workers, their parents, and their employers are available on the OHS Resource Portal. These include a handbook on safety and employment rules for young workers, tip sheets for employers and parents, and a handy wallet-sized reference card for basic health and safety information. To access these resources, visit ohs-pubstore.labour.alberta.ca/young-worker.

Quick links

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1-866-415-8690 (toll-free)
780-415-8690 (Edmonton area)
TTY: 1-800-232-7215 (toll-free)
TTY: 780-427-9999 (Edmonton area)

Report a workplace incident to OHS

Notify OHS of health and safety concerns

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