

# Report for the Labour-Management Network, December 2021

## Reporting Month Statistics

Reporting Month	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
October 1 - 31, 2021	2	23	25

Reporting Month	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
October 1 - 31, 2020	2	24	26

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

Injury Type	2021 January 1 – October 31	2020 January 1 – October 31
Fatal	17	14
Critical	303	217

**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.

## **Section 1 – Senior Manager’s Comment**

December of 2020 was one of the worst months that the construction industry has seen with respect to the number of fatalities that occurred. This year, we are not doing much better. To-date, we have seen over 300 critical injuries and currently have 17 fatalities under investigation. We are tracking to have among the worst years yet.

The majority of our incidents are still around falls-from-heights and struck bys. These are well established hazards that has had a significant focus over the years from both a stakeholder and regulatory perspective. Everything needed to prevent these types of occurrences already exists. With the right training, planning, procedures and PPE, there is no excuse for these types of incidents to occur.

Although it is not easy to pinpoint a specific reason for the high numbers we are experiencing, both a strong construction sector as well as the challenges we have experienced as a result of the pandemic are significant factors.

As has been said many times before, our world has changed significantly as a result of the pandemic and we need to adapt. It cannot be at the cost of worker health and safety.

We are now in the colder months, which has traditionally seen an increase in incidents related to slips and trips as well as PPE. We need

to pause and take the time to examine our training, work practices, PPE requirements as well as ensuring our work areas are conducive to work, i.e. kept free of snow, ice and other hazards once again.

Please take this opportunity to review your health and safety practices and speak with your workers about focusing on health and safety in the workplace.

Sincerely, Brian Barron

Senior Manager

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## Section 2 – What's New

### Ontario One Call Holiday Information –

**ACTION REQUIRED NO LATER THAN: Friday, December 17th, 2021.**

Due to the statutory holidays falling over the weekends, Ontario One Call will be observing the dates in the calendar below.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18
Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 25
Dec 26	Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31	Jan 1
Jan 2	Jan 3	Jan 4	Jan 5	Jan 06	Jan 07	Jan 08
Standard business day ON1Call Head Office open			Last day to submit required changes.	Observed Statutory holiday ON1Call Head Office closed		

### [Taking Steps to Protect Temporary Help Agency Workers](#)

Ontario wants to require temporary help agencies (THAs) and recruiters to have a licence to operate in the province. These changes are part of proposed legislation that would, if passed, enable officers to levy penalties against an unlicensed THA or recruiter or a business who is using an unlicensed operator. As well, those who use deceitful recruiters could be required to repay workers for illegal fees charged. Ontario is also proposing to hire a dedicated team of officers to crack down on THAs and recruiters who are exploiting and trafficking domestic and foreign workers.

[Learn more](#)

### [Training Indigenous People for Construction Careers in Kenora](#)

The Ontario government is investing more than \$3.7 million to train 110 members of Treaty #3 First Nations communities for rewarding careers in construction. Through this investment, participants will gain the skills they need to start well-paying jobs twinning the TransCanada Highway 17 as construction craft workers, heavy equipment operators, general construction workers, and concrete workers. Some of these jobs pay as high as \$44 an hour.

[Learn more](#)

For more what's **new** – Ministry of Labour articles, see: [What's New!](#)

### Section 3 – Court Bulletins

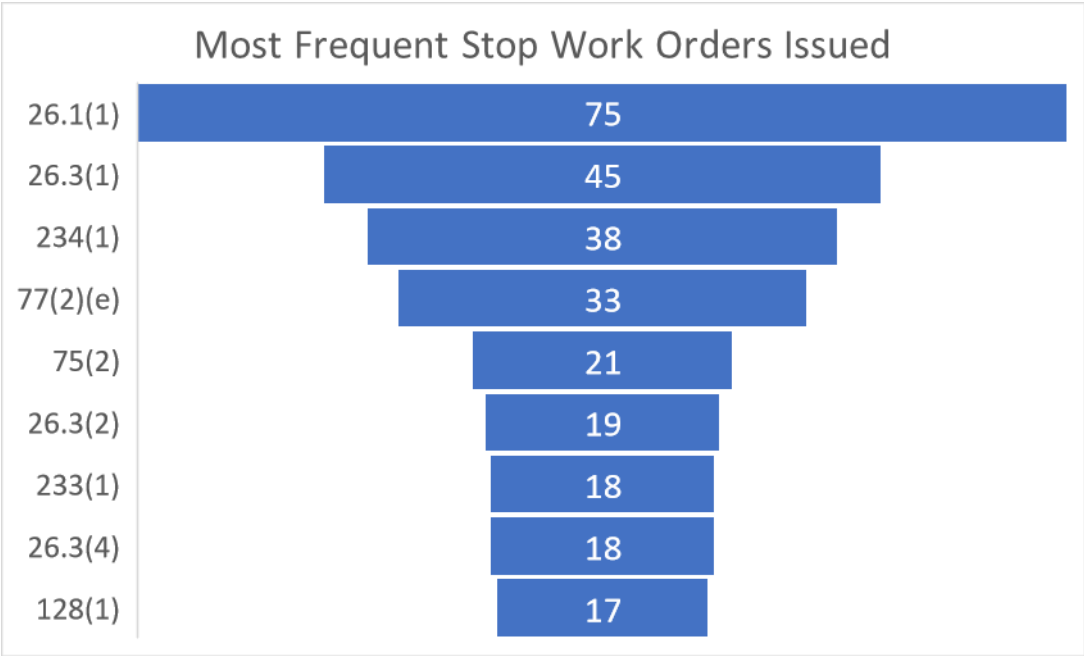
*There were no Construction related Court Bulletins to be reported*

*Court Bulletins can be found here: <https://news.ontario.ca/en>*

**Section 4 – Enforcement Trends**

In October, MLTSD Construction Inspectors responded to **424 events\*** throughout the province. Year-to-date **4,686 events** have been reported to the MLTSD.

In October, those inspectors issued **699 Stop Work Orders\*\***. Of those, 550 were issued during a pro-active inspection and 149 were issued during an investigation stemming from an event.



*\*Events consist of complaints, work refusals, critical injury, fatality, an occurrence, or injury as prescribed*

*\*\*A stop work order is issued by an inspector where a hazardous condition to workers is presently observed.*

## Section 5 – Critical Injuries

### Critical Injuries

#### Year-to-Date Overview and Comparison - Construction Sector

Injury Type	2021 October	2021 January 1 – October 31
Critical	23	303

Injury Type	2020 October	2020 January 1 – October 31
Critical	24	217

*NOTE: These figures represent preliminary data and are not to be considered official statistics from the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development. Official statistics will be issued quarterly by the Program Analysis, Evaluation and Outcomes Unit of the Occupational Health and Safety Branch of the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development. Data are subject to change due to updates in the enforcement database. Only events reported to the ministry are included here. Except for fatalities, event categories in the ministry's data set are based on what was assigned at the time of the initial report to the ministry. The reported event category may not represent what occurred at the workplace*

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## Total Year-to-Date Critical Injuries: January 1 – October 31, 2021 (303)

SECTOR	REPORTED CAUSE					MONTH	YEAR
	FALL	STRUCK BY	ELECTRICAL CONTACT	EXCAVATION COLLAPSE	OTHER		
RESS	5					5	79
INST	2					2	24
RESM	4	2			1	7	73
INDU	3	1				4	32
ROAD		0				0	10
EXCA						0	4
COMM	5					5	31
NECC						0	9
RAIL						0	8
POWP						0	1
ETTL						0	5
HYDR						0	4
SEWW						0	11
BRID						0	3
TUNN						0	1
TELE						0	1
WIND						0	5
GAS						0	1
MINP						0	1
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>303</b>
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>		



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## Critical Injuries Totals: October 1 - 31, 2021 (23)

	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (as reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
1	1-Oct-21	Moore	INDU			Worker was walking on ground level holding blueprints. Tripped in hole in ground causing fracture to left leg	FALL
2	4-Oct-21	Crysler	INDU			Worker fell from step ladder resulting in loss of consciousness	FALL
3	4-Oct-21	Brampton	RESM			Flag person was struck by a truck they were directing. Worker suffered fracture to leg.	STUCK BY
4	6-Oct-21	Toronto	INST			Worker was operating a mobile elevating device when it stopped abruptly. Worker lost balance resulting in fracture to leg resulted	FALL
5	7-Oct-21	Scarborough	COMM			Worker was critically injured after fall from approximately 5m from elevating work platform.	FALL

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (as reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
6	8-Oct-21	Whitby	COMM			Worker fell from platform approximately 16-inches from ground while dismantling scaffold. Fracture to ankle results	FALL
7	12-Oct-21	Russell	RESS			Worker suffered fracture to wrist after fall from step ladder. Step ladder was set-up with leg on heating register that failed.	FALL
8	15-Oct-21	North Bay	COMM			Worker suffered multiple fractures, loss of consciousness and collapsed lung after fall from roof	FALL
9	15-Oct-21	Thorold	RESS			Worker fell from top of foundation wall (approx. 3m) causing fracture to ankle	FALL
10	15-Oct-21	Toronto	RESM			Worker suffers fracture to leg during fight that occurred with coworker	OTHER

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (as reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
11	18-Oct-21	London	RESS			Worker fell approximately 8m from window while removing materials from unit. Suffered fracture to arm	FALL
12	19-Oct-21	Oakville	INDU			Worker suffered critical injuries after same-level fall from a makeshift wooden platform	FALL
13	19-Oct-21	Toronto	COMM			Worker suffered fracture to leg after fall from step ladder	FALL
14	19-Oct-21	Port Stanley	RESM			Worker fell from 6' ladder causing fracture to leg	FALL
15	19-Oct-21	Brampton	COMM			Worker suffered loss of consciousness and other injuries after scaffolding they were working from blew over.	FALL
16	25-Oct-21	Stittsville	RESM			Worker suffered fracture to leg after same-level	FALL

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (as reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
						trip/fall while moving materials	
17	27-Oct-21	Toronto	INST			Worker tripped at ground level and hit their head on curbing. Loss of consciousness	FALL
18	27-Oct-21	Schomberg	RESS			Worker suffered multiple fractures when scaffold they were working from collapsed during loading of materials via crane	FALL
19	27-Oct-21	Toronto	RESS			Worker suffered fracture to leg after fall from scaffold mounted on wheels	FALL
20	28-Oct-21	Kingston	INDU			Worker suffered fracture to wrist when hand was struck and pinched by materials during transfer	STRUCK BY
21	28-Oct-21	Markham	RESM			Worker fractured ankle after falling from 3 <sup>d</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> rung of ladder during climb	FALL

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (as reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
22	29-Oct-21	Oakville	RESM			Worker fell from formworks platform suffering loss of consciousness	FALL
23	29-Oct-21	Kitchener	RESM			Worker suffered fracture to wrist when it was caught between drywall cart and wall.	STRUCK BY

**\*\*\* Nearly 70% of all reported critical injuries are because of a slip, trip or fall \*\*\***

**\*\*\* Struck-by critical injuries have remained relatively consistent (62 at this time in 2020) but falls have increased over 50% (137 at this time in 2020) \*\*\***

**\*\*\* The sectors with the largest increases in critical injury activity are:  
SEWW + 72%      INDU + 56%      RESS + 42%      RESM + 34%**

## Section 6 – Fatal Injuries

### Fatal Injuries

#### Year-to-Date Overview and Comparison - Construction Sector

Injury Type	2021 October	2021 January 1 – October 31
Fatal	2	17

Injury Type	2020 October	2020 January 1 – October 31
Fatal	2	14

#### Monthly Summary Report – Fatal October 1 - 31, 2021 – (2)

#### Total Year-to-Date Fatal Injuries: January 1 – October 31, 2021 (17)

PROJECT SECTOR	REPORTED CAUSE	FALL	STRUCK BY	ELECTRICAL CONTACT	EXCAVATION COLLAPSE	OTHER	MONTH	YEAR
RESS	REPORTED CAUSE	1					1	5
COMM							0	3
EXCA							0	0
INDU							0	2
RESM		1					1	3
ROAD							0	1
HYDR							0	1
TUNN							0	1
INST							0	1
<b>MONTH</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>YEAR</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>		

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Project Sector	Employer Sector (NAICS)	Occupation	Age	Details (as reported to MOL)
1	21-Jan-21	Mississauga	TUNN	Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (237990)	Labourer	31	A worker sustained fatal injuries when struck by equipment in a shaft/tunnel
2	25-Jan-21	Ottawa	RESS	Poured Concrete Foundation and Structure Contractors (238110)	Concrete Formworks	55	Worker was fatality injured when struck by a concrete wall collapse.
3	24-Feb-21	Sudbury	ROAD	Construction, Transportation, Mining and Forestry Machinery and Equipment Rental and Leasing	Mobile Crane Operator	29	Mobile crane overturned while driving on project road, resulting in fatal injuries to one worker

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4	1-Apr-21	Brantford	INDU	Industrial Building and Structure Construction (236210)	Roofer	45	A worker fell through a roof surface, approximately 5m, resulting in fatal injuries
5	5-May-21	Toronto	RESM	Residential Building Construction (236110)	Concrete Formworks	53	Worker was pinned by a concrete bucket that was in motion via crane
6	8-May-21	Toronto	RESM	Residential Building Construction (236110)	Concrete Formworks	55	Worker succumb to injuries after fall from a ladder
7	20-May-21	Algonquin Highlands	RESS	Residential Building Construction (236110)	Manager	52	Worker drowned when barge capsized during delivery of materials for project
8	15-Jun-21	Driftwood	HYDR	Electric Bulk Power	Power Line Worker	27	Worker was struck by vehicular traffic



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				Transmission and Control (221121)			while moving equipment
9	24-Jun-21	Barrie	COMM	Commercial and Institutional Building Construction (236220)	Steel Erector	51	Worker struck by suspended steel load when mobile crane collapsed / tipped over
10	28-Jun-21	Vaughan	INST	Commercial and Institutional Building Construction (236220)	Foreman	61	Worker was struck by falling load that had fallen from rigging to crane
11	14-Jul-21	Ottawa	RESS	Roofing Contractors (238160)	Roofer	48	A worker fell from a ladder while setting up a roofing job. They succumbed to their injuries on July 29 <sup>th</sup> .

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12	19-Jul-21	Chatham	COMM	Site Preparation Contractors (238910)	General Labourer/Carpenter	44	A worker was fatally injured after falling from a ladder onto a platform
13	28-Jul-21	Mississauga	RESS	Drywall and Insulation Contractors (238310)	Drywall Taper	50	A worker fell from a scaffold. The worker succumbed to their injuries on August 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
14	30-Jul-21	Binbrook	INDU	Roofing Contractors (238160)	Rofer	62	A worker fell from a roof. The worker succumbed to their injuries on August 6 <sup>th</sup> .
15	13-Sept-21	Neebing	COMM	Highway, street, and bridge contracting (237310)	Driver	67	Worker was unloading flat bed and was fatally injured when struck by the vehicle.
<b>16</b>	<b>8-Oct-21</b>	<b>Toronto</b>	<b>RESM</b>	<b>Other Building</b>	<b>Caulker</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>Worker fell from ladder</b>

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				<b>Finishing Contractors (238390)</b>			<b>while working from it between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> storey.</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>14-Oct-21</b>	<b>Etobicoke</b>	<b>RESS</b>	<b>Roofing Contractors (238160)</b>	<b>Rofer (owner / operator)</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>A roofer fell through an opening on a veranda and sustained serious injuries; the worker later succumbed to their injuries.</b>

All new entries (current month and reconciled data) appear in **bold**.

NOTE: Some detail will inevitably be missing from the PLMHSC Report. The document is intended to provide an initial overview, not a comprehensive report. Annual data reporting approved by the Director should be used by stakeholders if they wish to see all data available to the Ministry related to an event.

SECTOR DESCRIPTION	SHORT DESC
Asbestos Removal - Type 1	ASB1
Asbestos Removal - Type 2	ASB2
Asbestos Removal - Type 3	ASB3
Bridge Construction	BRID
Cable	CABL
Caisson	CAIS
Cofferdam	COFF
Commercial Building Construction	COMM
Diving Construction	DCON
Diving Environmental	DENV

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Diving Industrial	DIND
Diving Mining	DMIN
Electrical Towers & Transmission Lines	ETTL
Excavation	EXCA
Gas Service Connection	GAS
Excavation - Grading	GRAD
Hydro	HYDR
Industrial Building Construction	INDU
Institutional Building Construction	INST
Marine Construction	MARE
Mining Plant Construction	MINP
Moving of a Building/Structure	MOVE
NEC - Construction	NECC
NEC - Diving	NECD
Asphalt Paving	PAVE
Pipeline	PIPE
Hydroelectric Power Plants & Rel	POWP
Railway	RAIL
Apartment & Other Multiple Housing	RESM
Single Family Housing	RESS
Highway & Road Construction	ROAD
Sewer/Watermain Construction	SEWW
Shaft Construction	SHAF
Shipbuilding & Repair	SHIP
Subway	SUBW
Telephone	TELE
Trenching	TREN
Tunnel	TUNN
Well Drilling	WELL
Window Cleaning Services	WIND