

Fact Sheet: Occupational Health & Safety

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- Each year, more than 40,000 work-related injuries are reported in Saskatchewan.
- On the Day of Mourning April 28, 2009, we recognized 31 individuals who lost their lives as a result of injuries or illnesses on the job.
- In 2008, Saskatchewan had over 13,000 work-related time-loss injury claims; this is a reduction of 900 injuries compared to five years ago.
- Saskatchewan still has the second highest injury rate in Canada at 3.7 per cent.
- Fifty-seven per cent of all industries have experienced a lower injury rate in 2008 than in 2007, and 43 per cent have experienced a lower injury rate in 2008 than they have had in at least five years.
- Farming continues to be one of the most hazardous occupations in the province. There are an average of 14 fatalities and 250 hospitalizations due to injury while working on the farm each year.
- Nearly 8,000 young workers (15 to 24 years of age) are injured each year in Saskatchewan.
- New and young workers represent those who are most likely to be injured or to experience unfair work practices.
- Over 5,000 provincially regulated workplaces have Occupational Health Committees.
- Workplace injuries and illnesses cost the Canadian economy more than \$10 billion every year in direct and indirect costs.
- Workplace injuries and illnesses cost the Saskatchewan economy more than \$205 million every year in Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) claims costs.



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