

Report for the Labour-Management Network, May 2022

Reporting Month Statistics

Reporting Month	Fatalities	Critical Injuries	Total
March 1 - 31, 2022	0	35	35

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March 1 - 31, 2021	0	24	24

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

Injury Type	2022 January 1 – March 31	2021 January 1 – March 31
Fatal	3	3
Critical	85	72

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

Last week we observed the National Day of Mourning where we remembered those who have lost their lives while at work. Over the past 10 years we have averaged 22 fatalities per year in the construction sector, all of which were preventable. In looking at our reported incidents for 2022 we are tracking for a similar outcome as last year and maybe even higher as we see our critical injury numbers climb month over month. This is unacceptable.

We all too often look to point fingers at other parties when something goes wrong, but generally this isn’t an issue that is fixed by one person or employer. This is a joint effort that requires a significant culture shift within the industry to see a reduction of these unfortunate incidents.

As a government, we regulate health and safety on the project, but this is a minimum standard and it requires workplace parties to follow the regulations. Posting an inspector at every workplace in Ontario is not only unrealistic, but not required when workplace parties put the required effort into making their workplaces safe and healthy. Many employers, supervisors and workers take their duties seriously and as a result, experience a safe workplace. But there are others who either don’t make the effort or, in some cases, simply make a mistake or error in judgement which then leads to an incident. As an industry we need to work together to find a way to, first and foremost, make health and safety an integral part of all work planning, but second, create an environment where simply reminding a coworker that they forgot to employ a safety precaution is an appreciated action. In other words,

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keeping an eye out for one another. Although all workplace parties are required to fulfill their responsibilities to ensure a proper functioning Internal Responsibility System, each and every one of us is accountable for our actions and ultimately responsible for what takes place within our workplace.

I am challenging everyone who reads this to stop pointing fingers and when you see something, do something! Don't just say that it isn't your job. We all have the responsibility of advancing health and safety.

Sincerely,

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Section 2 – What's New

[Ontario Helping More Young People Start Careers in the Skilled Trades](#)

The Ontario government is expanding its investment in pre-apprenticeship training to a record \$28 million, providing more young people with the training they need to launch rewarding careers in the skilled trades. Pre-apprenticeship training programs are free for participants, combine classroom training with on-the-job learning, and play a crucial role in reducing Ontario's skilled labour shortage.

[Learn more](#)

[Ontario Names Expert Panel to Expand Health and Benefits Coverage](#)

The Ontario government has appointed five experts to provide advice on expanding benefits like health, dental and vision care to more workers, even if they change jobs. Members of our [Portable Benefits Advisory Panel](#) will recommend the design and implementation of a new plan that will cover millions of precarious workers in sectors such as retail, the gig economy, and hospitality, and would be the first-of-its-kind in North America.

[Learn more](#)

[Ontario Launching First-Ever Review of Occupational Illnesses](#)

The Ontario government is launching the first-ever review of the province's occupational illness system. Conducted by the MAP Centre for Urban Health Solutions at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, an independent research centre with expertise in studying complex community health issues, the review will evaluate how occupational illnesses in Ontario are identified, monitored, and prevented. The review will deliver lasting change for injured workers and their families.

[Learn more](#)

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

Section 3 – Court Bulletins

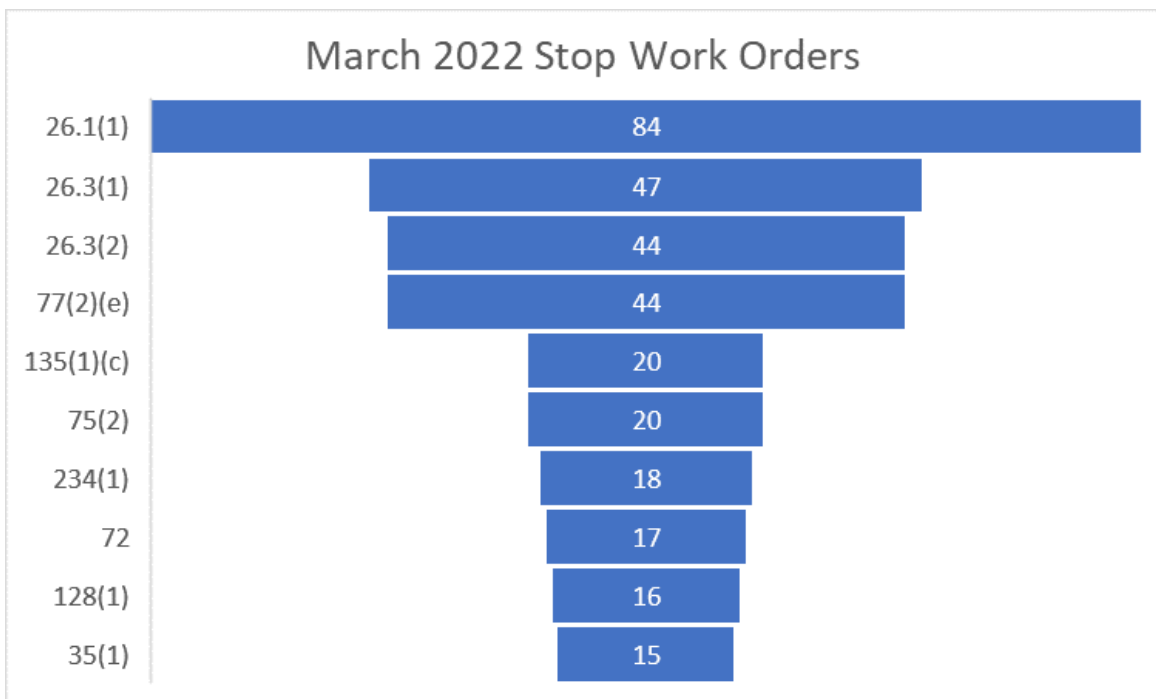
There were no new Construction related court bulletins to report this month.

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

Section 4 – Enforcement Trends – March 2022

MLTSD Construction Inspectors responded to **364 events*** throughout the province. Year-to-date **1,011 events** have been reported to the MLTSD.

Those inspectors issued **768 Stop Work Orders****. **This is a 68% increase over February**. Of those, 618 were issued during a pro-active inspection and 150 were issued during an investigation stemming from an event. Year to date, **1,707** stop-work orders have been issued during **5,809** field visits



*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

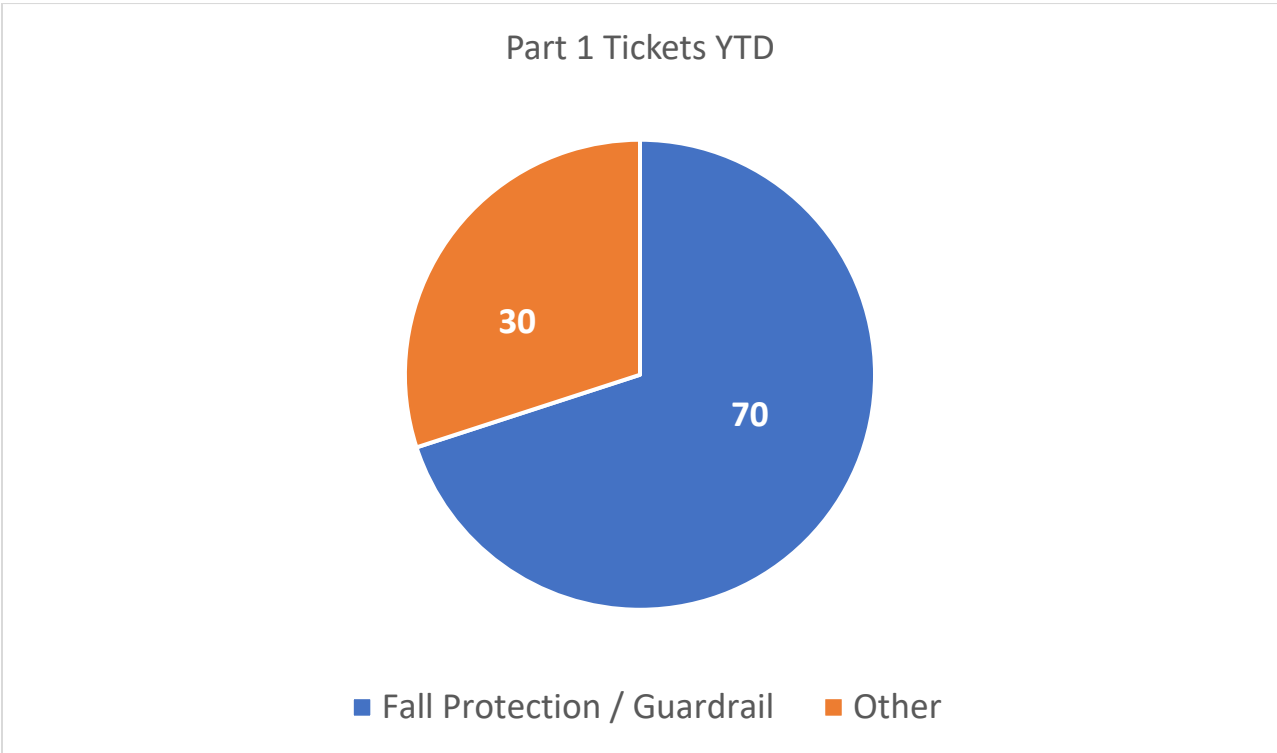
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50% of all Part 1 tickets issued by MLTSD Construction Inspectors were in relation to either a **lack of fall protection equipment** being used, or a **lack of a guardrail system** being installed.

Year-to-date **61%** of all Part 1 Tickets issued by construction inspectors have been for these same fall hazard related contraventions.



Other contraventions where Part 1 Tickets were issued include all other regulations within O. Reg 213/91

Section 5 – Critical Injuries

Critical Injuries

Year-to-Date Overview and Comparison - Construction Sector

Injury Type	2022 March	2022 January 1 – March 31
Critical	35	85

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Critical	24	72

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

Total Year-to-Date Critical Injuries 2022 (85)

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TOTAL 2022 CRITICALS	RESS	INST	RESM	INDU	ROAD	COMM	NECC	RAIL	ETTL	HYDR	SEWW*	BRID	TELE	MARE	PIPE	CAIS	TOTAL
Falls from Heights	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	9
Falls From Equipment	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Falls from Ladders	4	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Same level slips and trips	8	1	6	4	2	5	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	34
Struck by equipment	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Struck by material	2	2	5	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	16
collapse of structure	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Electrical Contact	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Excavation Collapse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other, including multiple factors, i.e., fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
TOTAL	21	5	16	10	2	14	1	2	1	2	7	1	1	1	1	1	85

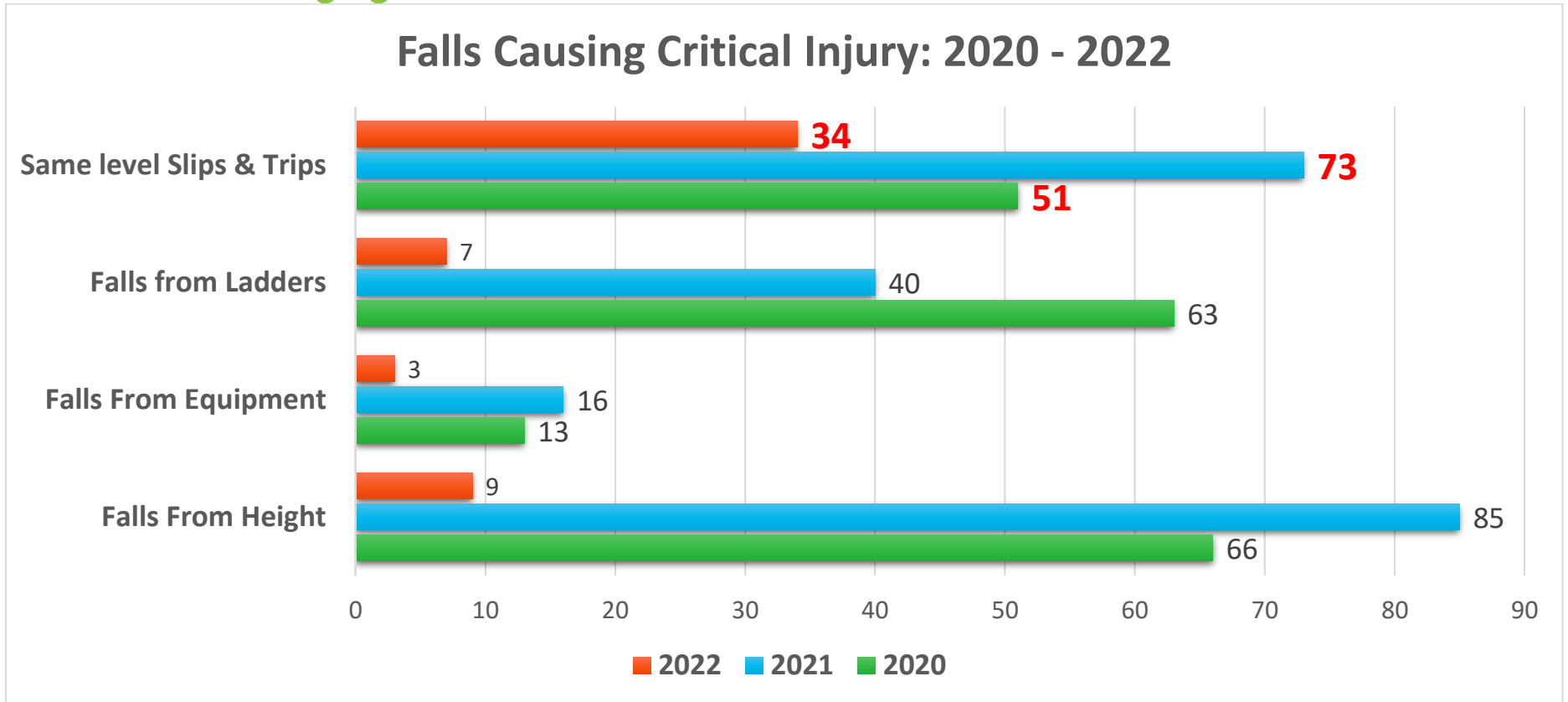
***In March 2022, the Sewer and Watermain sector (SEWW) saw a 500% increase in the number of critical injuries reported**

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A Focus on Falls: Emerging Trends

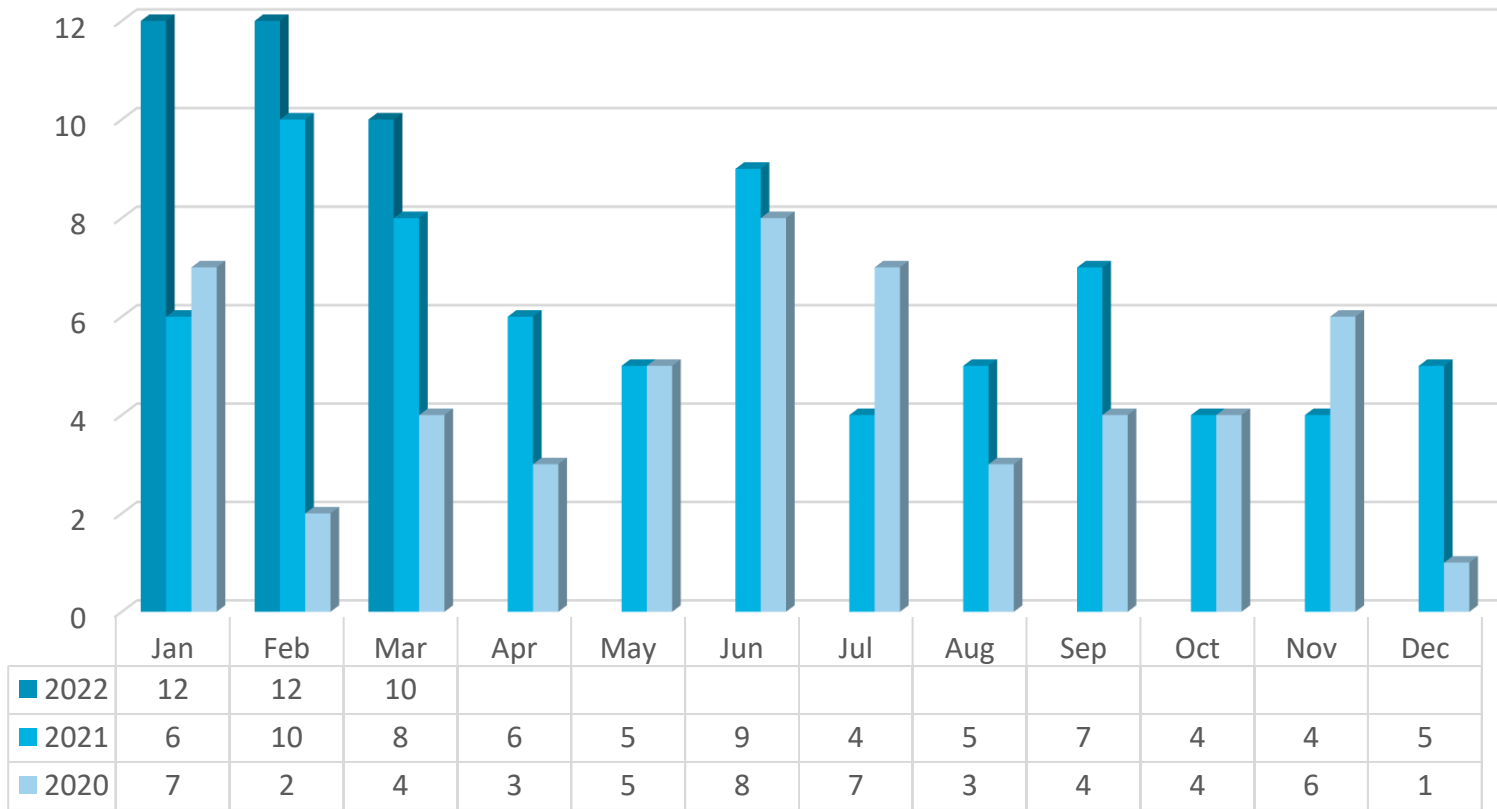


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Same Level Slips & Trips: 2020 through 2022



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Critical Injuries Totals: March 1 - 31, 2022 (35)

	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
1	1-Mar-22	Cobourg	RESS			Worker critically injured after they slipped and fell while walking up a ramp	FALL
2	2-Mar-22	Lindsay	SEWW			Worker critically injured after they fell approx. 2.4m into an open trench	FALL
3	2-Mar-22	Orleans	RESS			Worker suffered critical injury to leg after slip and fall on icy area of project	FALL
4	3-Mar-22	Trenton	RESM			Worker suffered loss of consciousness after fall from ladder	FALL
5	3-Mar-22	Pickering	RESS			Worker fell from ladder and fractured leg	FALL
6	4-Mar-22	Brampton	SEWW			Worker fractured ankle after slip and fall on snowy portion of project	FALL

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
7	4-Mar-22	North York	COMM			Worker suffered fractured wrist during altercation with another worker	OTHER
8	5-Mar-22	Mooretown	INDU			Worker fractured wrist after trip and fall over dunnage while working as signaller	FALL
9	5-Mar-22	Markdale	COMM			Worker fractured ankle after slip and fall on icy surface	FALL
10	6-Mar-22	Scarborough	RESS			Worker suffered critical injury after fall from second storey roof	FALL
11	7-Mar-22	Toronto	ROAD			Worker fractured ankle after trip and fall over snow covered curbing	FALL
12	8-Mar-22	Oshawa	RESM			Worker fell approx. 3m and suffered fracture to leg	FALL
13	8-Mar-22	Toronto	RESM			Worker critically injured after being struck by	STRUCK BY

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
						materials that tipped over on project	
14	9-Mar-22	Aurora	SEWW			Worker struck by hose/pipe while cleaning it causing loss of consciousness	STRUCK BY
15	9-Mar-22	Nepean	RESS			Worker suffered broken forearm after falling from a step ladder	FALL
16	10-Mar-22	Toronto	COMM			Worker suffered fracture to arm after tripping over materials on a project	FALL
17	11-Mar-22	Scarborough	INST			Fracture to foot of worker after being struck by materials on project	STRUCK BY
18	14-Mar-22	Orillia	MARE			Worker suffered fracture to fibula after being pinned by concrete panel	STRUCK BY

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
19	14-Mar-22	North York	RESM			Worker was critically injured after formwork castor flipped and struck worker	STRUCK BY
20	19-Mar-22	North York	RESM			Worker struck by pressurized hose causing fracture to leg	STRUCK BY
21	21-Mar-22	Southwold	SEWW			Worker fractured wrist after falling on same level of trailer deck	FALL
22	21-Mar-22	Ottawa	COMM			Worker attempting to access material fell from equipment causing fracture to wrist	FALL
23	22-Mar-22	Toronto	SEWW			Worker suffered sever laceration to arm while using a saw	STRUCK BY
24	22-Mar-22	Wallenstein	INDU			Worker suffered loss of consciousness after being struck by rigging materials	STRUCK BY

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
25	23-Mar-22	Mississauga	INST			Worker suffered multiple fractures to foot after being struck by material in motion on a dolly	STRUCK BY
26	24-Mar-22	Orillia	RESS			Worker performing maintenance work on a backhoe was critically injured when bucket fell off and struck worker	STRUCK BY
27	25-Mar-22	Georgetown	RESM			Worker suffered severance of multiple digits when struck by pieces of trench box being assembled	STRUCK BY
28	25-Mar-22	Stouffville	INDU			Two workers critically injured during collapse of concrete slab they were working on	OTHER
30	28-Mar-22	Toronto	COMM			Worker tripped over pieces of concrete debris causing fracture to wrist	FALL

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Sector	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MOL)	Reported Cause
31	28-Mar-22	Bramalea	INST			Worker suffered fracture to heel after fall from approx. 4m	FALL
32	29-Mar-22	Etobicoke	INST			Worker suffered fracture to ankle after plywood on platform they were working on gave way and they fell approx. 1.5m	OTHER
33	30-Mar-22	Alliston	INST			Worker slipped and fell on icy surface causing fracture to ankle	FALL
34	30-Mar-22	London	SEWW			Worker had hand crushed between materials and the bucket of a backhoe being operated by another worker	STRUCK BY
35	30-Mar-22	Toronto	RAIL			Worker suffered fracture to right wrist after being struck by materials being lowered into work area	STRUCK BY

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Section 6 – Fatal Injuries

Fatal Injuries

Year-to-Date Overview and Comparison - Construction Sector

Injury Type	2022 March	2022 January 1 – March 31
Fatal	0	3

Injury Type	2021 March	2021 January 1 – March 31
Fatal	0	3

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Total Year-to-Date Fatal Injuries 2022 (3)

TOTAL 2022 FATALS	RESS	INDU	NECC	TOTAL
Falls from Heights	0	1	0	1
Falls From Equipment	0	0	0	0
Falls from Ladders	0	0	0	0
Same level slips and trips	0	0	0	0
Struck by equipment	0	0	1	1
Struck by material	0	0	0	0
collapse of structure	0	0	0	0
Electrical Contact	0	0	0	0
Excavation Collapse	0	0	0	0
Other, including multiple factors, i.e., fall resulting from scaffold being struck by equipment.	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	1	1	1	3

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	Date of Incident	Municipality	Project Sector	Employer Sector (NAICS)	Occupation	Age	Details (As reported to MOL)
1	10-Jan-22	Staples	INDU	Industrial Building and Structure Construction (263210)	Labourer	27	Worker fell approx. 10m from roof of building under construction. Worker was not wearing fall protection.
2	27-Jan-22	Renfrew	RESS	Residential Building Construction (236110)	Concrete Finisher	71	Worker succumbed to carbon monoxide exposure while operating concrete cement power trowel in enclosed space
3	12-Feb-22	Clearview	NECC	General Freight Trucking, Long Distance, LTL	Driver / Operator	28	A worker was fatally injured when they were crushed by a

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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
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

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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