Sawmill Safety Infographic





TOP 10 HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS IN SAWMILLS

As identified by workers, supervisors, and employers in the Ontario sawmill industry through a Ministry of Labour-facilitated risk assessment workshop in partnership with Workplace Safety North

1. **Substance use**: Under the influence of alcohol, prescription or other drugs.
2. **Workers taking shortcuts**: Gaps in training, coaching, supervision.
3. **Machine lock out, guarding**: Not properly locking out or guarding equipment.
4. **Age**: Inexperience of new and young workers who don't see the dangers.
5. **Psychosocial**: Lack of focus, distraction of worker while performing duties.
6. **Slips, trips, and falls**: Falls on same or lower level, jumps to lower level.
7. **Occupational disease**: Loss of hearing, ringing in the ears.
8. **Psychosocial**: Stress, including job and family pressures.
9. **Working from heights**: Absence of engineered anchor points.
10. **Machine lock out, guarding**: Caught in or crushed by mobile equipment.

The internal responsibility system (IRS) is a system, within a workplace, where everyone shares responsibility for occupational health and safety that is appropriate to their role and function within the workplace. All workplace parties — including employers, managers, supervisors, and workers — need to do their part to raise awareness of risks, and follow and promote safety procedures to help make workplaces safer.

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