

Alberta Small Employer OHS Legislated Requirements

Industry Code: 40401
Construction Trade Services NEC

This document is a guideline only. Employers have a responsibility of assessing all applicable occupational health and safety legislation, for the tasks they are performing.

Businesses in this industry offer construction services that cannot be assigned an industry classification that is exclusive to a specific construction trade and the operations do not meet the definition of "general contractor".

Services in this industry, while predominantly residential in nature, may extend into light commercial applications.

Businesses in this industry are often referred to as home renovators, home improvement or handyman services.

Task description	Type of equipment used and workers employed
<p>Businesses will provide a variety of construction services that will relate to new construction, building renovation and repair.</p> <p>Employers in this industry may work directly for homeowners, property owners or general contractors. This industry generally covers work related to residential properties but will include work done on commercial properties.</p>	<p>Employers classified here will provide a full or partial spectrum of services, including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - framing - kitchen/bathroom renovation - partial or complete basement development - fence and deck construction/repair - construction or assembly of storage sheds - drywall installation and taping - painting - construction of garage packages - exterior building upgrades or repairs - interior building demolition - plumbing repairs - insurance claims - flood and fire damage repair - installation of electrical plugs/switches - landscaping - flooring - finishing carpentry
<p>Contracts can involve interior or exterior work or both and often involve carpentry or rough carpentry activities.</p>	<p>GENERAL CONTRACTOR: The primary contractor for completion of an entire structure, including all site preparation and structural work along with all exterior and interior finishing. A general contractor will oversee and be responsible for all the work performed on the site including work by sub contractors.</p> <p>Employers in this industry will generally have direct hire of tradesman and labourers, however may engage the services of subcontractors for the completion of various projects.</p>

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Relevant sections of OHS Legislation:

Occupational Health and Safety Act

Section	2	Obligations of employers, workers, etc.
	3	Prime contractor
	4	Multiple obligations
	18	Serious injuries and accidents
	19	Investigation of accidents
	35	Existence of imminent danger
	37	Disciplinary action complaint

Occupational Health and Safety Regulation

Section	7	Availability of specifications
	12	Equipment
	13	General protection of workers
	14	Duties of workers
	15	Safety training

Occupational Health and Safety Code (2009)

Part 1

	Section	
Definitions and	2.1	Availability of legislation
General Application	2.2	Designated person to prepare plan

Part 2

	Section	
Hazard Assessment,	7	Hazard assessment
Elimination and	8	Worker participation
Control	9	Hazard elimination and control

Part 3

	Section	
Specifications and	12	Following specifications
Certifications	13	Manufacturer's and Professional Engineer's specifications
	14	Certification by a professional engineer
	15	Approved equipment

Part 4

	Section	
Chemical Hazards,	16	Worker exposure to harmful substance
Biological Hazards	21	Potential worker exposure
and Harmful	22	Worker overexposure
Substances	24	Emergency baths, showers, eye wash equipment
		Refer to schedule 1

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Part 5	Section	
Confined Spaces	44	Code of practice
	45	Hazard assessment
	46	Training
	47	Entry permit system
	48	Safety and protection - generally
	49	Protection – hazardous substance and energy
	50	Unauthorized entry
	51	Traffic hazards
	52	Testing the atmosphere
	53	Venting and purging
	54	Inerting
	55	Emergency response
	56	Tending worker
	57	Entry and exit
58	Retaining records	

Part 6	Section	
Cranes, Hoists and Lifting Equipment	59	Application
	60	Not commercially manufactured
	61	Identification of components
	62	Rated load capacity
	63	Load charts
	64	Operator requirements
	65	Log books
	66	Preventing an unsafe lift
	67	Preventing collisions
	68	Load weight
	68.1	Lift calculation
	69	Loads over work areas
	70	Tag and hoisting lines
	71	Hand signals
	72	Controls
	73	Repairs and modifications
	74	Containers for hoisting
	75.1	Suspended personnel baskets
	88	Safety codes for mobile cranes
	88.1	Personnel baskets
	89	Non-destructive testing
	90	Counterweights and outriggers
	91	Warning device
92	Preventing damage	
92.1	Load blocks	
92.2	Outriggers	

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Part 7	Section	
Emergency	116	Contents of plan
Preparedness and Response	117	Rescue and evacuation workers
	118	Equipment

Part 8	Section	
Entrances, Walkways, Stairways and Ladders	119	Safe entry and exit
	120	Doors
	121	Walkways, runways and ramps
	122	Stairways
	123	Handrails on stairways
	124	Ladders, restriction on work
	126	Prohibition on painting
	127	Use near energized electrical equipment
	128	Portable ladders, prohibition
	134	Constructed portable ladder
	135	Manufactured portable ladder
	136	Securing and positioning
	137	Fall protection

Part 9	Section	
Fall Protection	139	General protection
	140	Fall protection plan
	141	Instruction of workers
	142	Full body harness
	143	Connectors, carabiners and snap hooks
	144	Fall arrestors
	150	Equipment compatibility
	150.1	Inspection and maintenance
	150.2	Removal from service
	151	Clearance, maximum arresting force and swing
	152.1	Anchor strength - temporary
	152.1	Anchor strength - permanent
	152.2	Duty to use anchors
	152.3	Independence of anchors

Part 10	Section	
Fire and Explosion Hazards	161.1	Flammable or explosive atmospheres a hazard
	162	Prohibitions
	164	Contaminated skin and clothing
	171	Compressed and liquefied gas

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Part 11	Section	
First Aid	178	Providing services, supplies, equipment
	179	Location of first aid
	180	Emergency transportation
	181	First aid providers
	182	Duty to report injury or illness
	183	Record of injury or illness
	184	First aid record access
	Refer to Schedule 2	

Part 12	Section	
General Safety	185	Housekeeping
Precautions	186	Lighting
	187	Pallets and storage racks
	187.1	Placement of roofing materials
	188	Restraining hoses and piping
	189	Securing equipment and materials
	190	Skeleton structures
	191	Signallers
	192	Stabilizing masonry walls
	194	Vehicle traffic control

Part 14	Section	
Lifting and Handling	208	Equipment
Loads	209	Adapting to heavy or awkward loads
	210	Assessing manual handling hazards

Part 15	Section	
Managing the Control of Hazardous Energy	212	Isolation
	213	Verifying isolation
	214	Securing by individual workers
	215.3	Returning to operation

Part 16	Section	
Noise Exposure	218	Worker exposure to noise
	222	Hearing protection
Refer to schedule 3		

Part 17	Section	
Overhead Power Lines	225	Safe limit of approach distances
	226	Transport loads, equipment and buildings
Refer to schedule 4		

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Part 18	Section	
Personal Protective Equipment	228	Duty to use personal protective equipment
	229	Eye protection (compliance with standards)
	233	Footwear
	234	Head protection
	242	Limb and body protection
	243	Skin protection
	244	Respiratory dangers
	245	Code of practice

Part 19	Section	
Powered Mobile Equipment	256	Operator Responsibilities
	257	Visual inspection
	258	Dangerous movement
	260	Inspection and maintenance
	261	Maintenance on elevated parts
	262	Starting engines
	263	Unattended equipment
	264	Lights
	265	Windows and windshields
	266	Other safety equipment
	273	Recertification after modification
	274	Fuel tank in cab
	279	Refuelling
	290.1	Licensing and mechanical inspection (personal vehicle for work purposes)
	290.2	Safety requirements (concrete pump truck)

Part 21	Section	
Rigging	292	Breaking strength
	292.1	Safety factors
	293	Load ratings
	294	Inspection
	295	Prohibition
	296	Rigging protection
	297	Standards
	298	Slings
	299	Rope wound on drum
	300	Cable clips
	301	Ferrules
	302	Matching components
	303	Safety latches
	304	Makeshift rigging and welding

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305	Synthetic fibre slings
306	Wire rope
307	Metal mesh slings
308	Electric arc damage
309	Damaged hooks

Part 22	Section	
Safeguards	310	Safeguards
	311	Tampering with safeguards
	312	No safeguards
	313	Building shafts
	314	Covering openings
	315	Guardrails
	316	Hoppers, bins, chutes
	317	Machine failure
	318	Protection from falling objects
	319	Push stick or block
	321	Toe boards

Part 23	Section	
Scaffolds	323	CSA Standard applies
	324	Design
	325	Load
	326	Tagging requirements
	327	Vertical ladder on scaffold
	328	Working from a ladder
	329	Scaffold planks
	330	Scaffold platform
	331	Metal scaffolding
	334	Free-standing or rolling scaffolds
	336	Ladderjack scaffolds
	339	Roofing brackets
	340	Single-pole scaffolds
	346	Worker safety (elevated platforms and aerial devices)
	347	Standards
	349	Fork-mounted work platforms
	352	Temporary supporting structures
Refer to schedule 6		

Part 24	Section	
Toilets and Washing Facilities	254	Restrictions by employer
	355	Drinking fluids
	356	Exception (temp. site)
	357	Toilet facilities

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Part 25	Section	
Tools, Equipment and Machinery	362	Contact by clothing, etc.
	374	Actuated fastening tools
	375	Grinders
	376	Chainsaws
	377	Circular saw blades
	378	Band saw blades
	381	Cut-off saws

Part 27	Section	
Violence	389	Hazard assessment
	390	Policy and procedures
	391	Instruction of workers
	392	Response to incidents

Part 28	Section	
Working Alone	393	Application
	394	Precautions required (communication)

Part 29	Section	
Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)	397	Training
	398	Label required
	400	Decanted products
	404	Material Safety Data Sheet - Supplier
	406	Information current (MSDS)
	407	Availability of Material Safety Data Sheet

Part 32	Section	
Excavating and Tunnelling	441	Disturbing the ground
	442	Classification of soil type
	443	Soil stabilization
	444	Marking and excavation
	445	Water hazard
	446	Worker access
	447	Locating buried or concrete-embedded facilities
	448	Exposing buried facilities
	450	Methods of protection
	451	Cutting back walls
	452	Loose material
	453	Spoil piles
	454	Power pole support
	455	Safe entry and exit
459	Access for powered mobile equipment	
Refer to Schedule 9		