

Alberta Small Employer OHS Legislated Requirements

Industry Code: 40405
Residential General Contractor

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.

Included in this industry are businesses engaged as general contractors in the construction of new homes, condominiums, apartments, town homes, and other wood-frame structures intended as a personal residence and that are 5 stories or less in height.

Task description	Type of equipment used and workers employed
<p>The general contractor completes the 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>The general contractor is responsible directly to the project owner for all work performed.</p> <p>The type of construction engaged in includes; new, renovations, and custom buildings.</p>	<p>General contractors employ architects, engineers, project superintendents, foreman, warrantee repairmen, estimators, sales/marketing, interior decorators and administration staff.</p> <p>Equipment would include office computers and supporting electronics, hand tools for service repair work, and vehicles.</p>

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

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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
	27	Storage of harmful substance
	Refer to schedule 1	

Part 7	Section	
Emergency	115	Emergency response plan
Preparedness and	116	Contents of plan
Response	117	Rescue and evacuation workers
	118	Equipment

Part 8	Section	
Entrances, Walkways,	119	Safe entry and exit
Stairways and Ladders	120	Doors
	133	Portable Ladders; Prohibition
	135	Portable Ladders; Manufacturing Standards
	136	Portable Ladders; Securing and Positioning
	137	Portable Ladders; Fall Protection

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	

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Part 12		Section
General Safety	185	Housekeeping
Precautions	186	Lighting
	189	Securing of equipment and materials

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 18		Section
Personal Protective Equipment	228	Duty to use personal protective equipment
	229	Eye protection (compliance with standards)
	233	Footwear
	234	Head protection

Part 19		Section
Powered Mobile Equipment	256	Operator Responsibilities
	290.1	Licensing and mechanical inspection (personal vehicle for work purposes)

Part 22		Section
Safeguards	310	Safeguards
	311	Tampering with safeguards
	312	No safeguards

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

Part 25		Section
Tools, Equipment and Machinery	362	Contact by clothing, etc.
	375	Grinders
	377	Circular Saw Blades

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