

Alberta Small Employer OHS Legislated Requirements

Industry Code: 42130
Drilling – Water Well/Deep Core

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.

Water well drilling is performed for domestic, commercial and irrigation applications.

Task description	Type of equipment used and workers employed
<p>Deep core and/or diamond drilling is conducted for the purpose of obtaining deep core samples or penetrating hard rock masses. Deep core sampling is performed for engineering, mining, petroleum and construction industries to determine earth rock and mineral content in anticipation of future mining or construction projects such as building dams, bridges, etc.</p> <p>In water well drilling, after a hole is drilled, a casing or shaft is placed inside the hole. Pumps and necessary attachments may be installed. Servicing water wells involves cleaning pumps and pressure systems.</p>	<p>The equipment used by employers in this industry includes trucks, mounted drilling rigs, bits, pumps, air compressors, hand tools, welders, casing/pipe and filtering systems.</p> <p>Drilling rigs are generally truck mounted, but may also be track or skid mounted as well. The drill pipe, bits and tools are changed for the various types of drilling. For example, to penetrate hard rock formations, diamond drill bits are used.</p> <p>Workers include; field supervisors, drillers, equipment operators, labourers, equipment maintenance mechanics and administrative staff.</p>

Relevant sections of OHS Legislation:

Occupational Health and Safety Act

Section	2 Obligations of employers, workers, etc.
	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

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Occupational Health and Safety Code (2009)

Part 1 **Section**

Definitions and	1	Definitions
General Application	2.1	Availability of legislation
	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 Certifications	12	Following specifications
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	15	Approved equipment

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	179	Location of first aid
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	182	Duty to report injury or illness
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Refer to Schedule 2

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	189	Securing equipment and materials
	191	Signallers
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	210	Assessing manual handling hazards

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	214	Securing by Individual Workers
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Part 16	Section	
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Part 17	Section	
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	234	Head protection
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	294	Inspection
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	298	Slings
	299	Rope wound on drum
	300	Cable clips
	301	Ferrules
	302	Matching components
	303	Safety latches
	304	Makeshift rigging and welding
	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

Part 24	Section	
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	357	Toilet facilities
	360	Supplies and waste receptacle
	361	Condition of facilities

Part 25	Section	
Tools, Equipment and Machinery	362	Contact by clothing, etc.
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	369	Immobilizing machinery

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