

Alberta Small Employer OHS Legislated Requirements

Industry Code: 42135
Drywall/Lathe/Plaster/Stucco/Etc.

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.

This industry supplies and installs drywall, plaster, stucco, parging and structural insulation in residential and commercial applications.

Task description	Type of equipment used and workers employed
<p>Drywall is an interior finish of performed gypsum wallboards, nailed or screwed into place over wooden or metal studs that make up a wall or ceiling. Joints are taped, plaster is applied, the surface is sanded, and plaster reapplied until the wall is finished and ready for painting.</p> <p>Wood lath are narrow strips of wood used as a base for plaster. Lathing is the process of assembling or placing the wood lath. Plaster is spread onto the lathing to finish the wall or ceiling.</p> <p>Stucco is a cement plaster used for coating exterior walls and other exterior surfaces. Paper is stapled to the wall, wire mesh affixed, and the cement plaster may be sprayed on or applied by trowel.</p> <p>To parge is to coat with plaster, particularly foundation walls and rough masonry. Parging is a thin coating of plaster or masonry cement. A parge coat is a coat of masonry cement applied to masonry for resistance to penetration of moisture.</p>	<p>Equipment used includes; hand saws, hammers, nails, tape, trucks.</p> <p>Workers include; drywallers, labourers, estimators, and sales, warehouse, and administrative staff.</p> <p>Structural insulation may be fiberglass, styrofoam, zonelite, urethane foam, or blown or shredded paper with added fire retarding chemicals.</p> <p>Depending on the type of insulation, it may come in sheets, rolls, batts, or bales, and placed into exterior wall cavities or roof attic spaces manually, mechanically, or blown into place by truck-mounted blowers.</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

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Part 2

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Part 3

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	151	Clearance, maximum arresting force and swing
	152.1	Anchor strength - temporary
	152.1	Anchor strength - permanent
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Part 23	Section	
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