

Alberta Small Employer OHS Legislated Requirements

Industry Code: 51502
NDT Testing Incl. Visual Inspect

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 involves periodic non-destructive testing (NDT) and inspection procedures. The purpose is to ensure safety, quality and compliance control of critical pieces of tools, equipment and materials.

Task description	Type of equipment used and workers employed
<p>Non-destructive tests (NDT) provide a permanent record of compliance and early detection of defects in materials and workmanship. Often, this periodic inspection is conducted during various stages of the fabrication, construction or maintenance of components and facilities in the oil and gas, construction, pulp and paper, and power and utility sectors, on pipe, piping systems, towers, steel and concrete structures, etc. NDT methods include magna flux (magnetic particle), x-ray, gamma ray, radiographic or ultrasonic (sound waves).</p> <p>Activities may include surveillance and testing as a maintenance function on existing facilities. This may include evaluations of cranes and their supports in fabrication shops, and examinations and determinations on piping systems, vessels, valves and other ‘critical’ pieces of equipment or components in plants.</p> <p>Additionally, employers may develop, implement and administer quality control and verification programs including test witnessing and evaluations.</p>	<p>Equipment includes; hand tools, meters, gauges, and non-destructive exam equipment, pen, clipboard, radio/cell-phone, and trucks.</p> <p>Workers include; technical staff, engineers, sales/estimators, and administrative staff.</p>

Relevant sections of OHS Legislation:

Occupational Health and Safety Act

<p>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</p>
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Occupational Health and Safety Regulation

<p>Section 7 Availability of specifications 12 Equipment 13 General protection of workers 14 Duties of workers 15 Safety training</p>
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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	
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Elimination and	8	Worker participation
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Part 3	Section	
Specifications and	12	Following specifications
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	14	Certification by a professional engineer
	15	Approved equipment

Part 4	Section	
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	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
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	128	Portable ladders, prohibition
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	136	Securing and positioning
	137	Fall protection

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	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
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	152.1	Anchor strength - permanent
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Part 11	Section	
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	179	Location of first aid
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	181	First aid providers
	182	Duty to report injury or illness
	183	Record of injury or illness
	184	First aid record access
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Part 12	Section	
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	189	Securing equipment and materials

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Personal Protective Equipment	228	Duty to use personal protective equipment
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	233	Footwear
	234	Head protection
	242	Limb and body protection
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	244	Respiratory dangers
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Part 20		Section
Radiation Exposure	291	Prevention and protection

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	355	Drinking fluids
	356	Exception (temp. site)
	357	Toilet facilities

Part 27		Section
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