

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 3,4,5 Obligations of employers, workers, etc.

- 10 Prime contractor
- 13 Multiple obligations
- 40 Serious injuries and incident
- 18 Investigation of accidents
- 36 Discriminatory action complaint
- 16-17 Joint Work Site Health and Safety Committees and Health and Safety Rep.

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 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	Manufacturing Standards
	136	Securing and Positioning
	137	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 14		Section	
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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	
	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	354	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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Violence and	389	Hazard assessment
Harassment	390	Violence prevention plan
	390.4	Harassment prevention plan
	391	Training of workers
	391.1	Investigation and reporting of incidents

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

Part 29		Section
Workplace Hazardous	397	Training
Materials Information	398	Label required
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	404	Safety Data Sheet - Supplier
	406	Information current (SDS)
	407	Availability of Safety Data Sheet