

## Section 1

### Reporting Month Statistics – Quick Overview

Reporting Month	Month Fatalities	Month Critical Injuries	Month Total
March 31 2017	2	26	28

### Provincial Coordinator's Comments

It has been a very busy to the start of the season for us as we start to gear up for the upcoming year. Our initiatives and blitzes have now been posted on our website... [www.labour.gov.on.ca](http://www.labour.gov.on.ca) Follow the link to the 2017-18 Blitz Schedule for the latest up to date information.

What we have planned for this coming year is as follows:

#### Year Long Initiatives:

Noise -> April 1 2017- March 31, 2018

Falls -> May 1 2017 – March 31, 2018

Struck By -> May 1 2017 – March 31, 2018

#### Blitz's / Focuses

Supervisory Awareness and Accountability -> June 1, 2017 – July 31, 2017

Residential Projects -> September 1, 2017 – November 30, 2017

Falls / Ladder Safety -> October 2, 2017 – November 24, 2017

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## Section 2

### MOL Current Events

- **Extended Working at Heights transition period by 6 months**  
The Ministry has now extended Working at Heights transition period by six (6) months to October 1, 2017 for workers enrolled in a CPO-approved working at heights training program prior to April 1 2017 and scheduled to complete the training before October 1, 2017.  
<https://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/topics/heights.php>
  
- **News Room January 2017 -Ontario Helping Keep Workers Safe on the Job**  
<https://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/news/2017.php>
  
- **Blitz Results: Mobile Cranes and Material Hoisting 2016**  
[https://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/sawo/blitzes/blitz\\_report80.php](https://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/sawo/blitzes/blitz_report80.php)
  
- **Spotlight New Construction Amendments Come Into Effect January 1**  
<https://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/topics/construction.php>
  
- **Electrical Hazard Fact Sheet (Nov 2016)**  
[https://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/sawo/pubs/fs\\_electrical.php](https://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/sawo/pubs/fs_electrical.php)
  
- **Ontario Increases Minimum Wage (Oct 2016)**  
<https://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/es/pubs/guide/minwage.php>
  
- **Workplace Violence and Harassment – Code of Practice (effective Sept 8, 2016)**  
<https://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/pubs/harassment/index.php>
  
- **2016-2017 Inspection Blitzes and Initiatives**  
<http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/resources/blitzschedule.php>
  
- **Safe At Work Ontario Annual Report - Results for April 2014 - March 2015 (20 April 2016)**  
<http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/sawo/report/index.php>
  
- **Working at Heights Training (content reviewed March 2016)**  
[http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/topics/heights.php?utm\\_source=molwebsite&utm\\_medium=banner&utm\\_content=spotlighths\\_EN&utm\\_campaign=WorkingAtHeights](http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/topics/heights.php?utm_source=molwebsite&utm_medium=banner&utm_content=spotlighths_EN&utm_campaign=WorkingAtHeights)
  
- **Occupational Exposure Limits**  
<http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/about/consultations/oels/index.php>
  
- **Replacing Your Roof (content reviewed March 2016)**  
[http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/resources/roofing.php?utm\\_source=molwebsite&utm\\_medium=banner&utm\\_content=spotlighths\\_EN&utm\\_campaign=RoofingPilot](http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/resources/roofing.php?utm_source=molwebsite&utm_medium=banner&utm_content=spotlighths_EN&utm_campaign=RoofingPilot)
  
- **Alert: Elevating Work Platform Crushing Hazard (April 2016)**  
<http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/pubs/alerts/a36.php>
  
- **Blitz Results: Electrical Hazards - Issued: April 2017**  
<https://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/sawo/blitzes/construction.php>

## **Section 3**

### **Case 1**

## **Sunny Roofing Fined \$40,000 for Obstruction of Labour Inspector, Safety Violations**

BURLINGTON, ONTARIO - Sunny Roofing Inc., a roofing company based in the Greater Toronto Area, was fined a total of \$40,000 in court for health and safety violations that included obstruction of a Ministry of Labour inspector during an investigation and failing to ensure its workers had mandatory fall protection and safety equipment. Obstructing an inspector in the performance of the inspector's duties is an offence under the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA).

On July 13, 2015 in response to a complaint, an MOL inspector attended the site of a residential re-roofing project in Milton. There the inspector observed several workers on the roof without fall protection, hardhats or safety boots as required by Regulation 213/91 under the OHSA. Sunny Roofing Inc. was subsequently charged and convicted for these offences.

In addition, the company was convicted of obstructing, hindering and interfering with an inspector. Its workers fled the worksite during the investigation, and the company failed to respond to correspondence and the direction of the inspector.

Following a trial, Sunny Roofing Inc. was fined \$40,000 by Justice of the Peace Thomas McKeough in Burlington court on March 14, 2017. The fines were:

-\$15,000 for obstructing a Ministry of Labour inspector in the performance of duty under the Occupational Health and Safety Act

-\$20,000 for the lack of fall protection (such as harnesses or safety nets)

-\$2,500 for the lack of protective headgear (hard hats)

-\$2,500 for the lack of protective footwear.

Following a trial, Sunny Roofing Inc. was fined \$40,000 by Justice of the Peace Thomas McKeough in Burlington court on March 14, 2017. The fines were:

The court also imposed a 25-per-cent victim fine surcharge as required by the Provincial Offences Act. The surcharge is credited to a special provincial government fund to assist victims of crime.

The company was convicted in Brampton court on September 8, 2015 on six charges under the OHSA for similar offences of failing to ensure workers wore fall protection, protective headwear and protective footwear. At that court hearing, the proprietor, Dong Mo, was convicted on three charges of failing as an employer to ensure workers wore fall protection. Mo was fined a total of \$14,000 and the company received a total fine of \$33,000. The company had been convicted in court two days previously on similar charges and received a fine of \$4,000 at that time.

**Court Information at a Glance**

**Date of Sentencing:**

March 14, 2017

**Defendant:**

Sunny Roofing Inc.

10 Purcell Square

Toronto, Ontario

**Matter:**

Occupational health and safety

**Convictions:**

Occupational Health and Safety Act

Section 23(1)(a)

Section 62(1) - obstruction charge

Regulation 213/91 (The Construction Projects Regulation)

Section 22(1) - headgear charge

Section 23(1) - footwear charge

Section 26.1(2) - fall protection charge

**Case 2****Construction Cage Collapses On Workers, Company Fined \$50,000**

ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO - Anchor Shoring & Caissons Ltd., a company that designs and installs soil retention systems and caisson foundations, pleaded guilty and has been fined \$50,000 after two workers were injured when a reinforcing cage collapsed with the workers in it.

The company had been retained to undertake construction of a foundation for a new hydro tower at 88 Niagara Boulevard in Fort Erie and on November 13, 2015, two workers were working inside a cylindrical cage made of reinforcement bars (rebars). Earlier, workers had used a crane to remove the cage from a flatbed truck.

The cage, which was about 25 feet long and 11 feet in diameter, was positioned horizontally on the ground. The workers were standing within the cage, removing some of the internal braces which made up the cage. Once prepared in this way, the cage would be raised by the crane into a vertical position, and then lowered and inserted into one of the 11-foot in diameter caissons. The cage was intended to reinforce pumped concrete.

The two workers had removed a number of the braces and handed them to their supervisor situated outside the cage. At that point, the cage collapsed, trapping the two workers. As a result of the cage's collapse, the two workers each suffered minor injuries.

Ontario Regulation 213/91 - the Construction Projects Regulation - states that any part of a project, including a temporary structure, "shall be adequately braced to prevent any movement that may affect its stability or cause its failure or collapse." Anchor Shoring failed as an employer to ensure that measures and procedures prescribed by the regulation were carried out on the project. This was also contrary to the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

The company was fined \$50,000 by Justice of the Peace Kelly Visser in St. Catharines court on March 24, 2017.

The court also imposed a 25-per-cent victim fine surcharge as required by the Provincial Offences Act. The surcharge is credited to a special provincial government fund to assist victims of crime.

**Court Information at a Glance****Location:**

Provincial Offences Court/Ontario Court of Justice

71 King Street

St. Catharines, Ontario

**Date of Sentencing:**

March 24, 2017

**Defendant:**

Anchor Shoring & Caissons Ltd.

40 King Street West, Suite 5002

Toronto, Ontario

**Matter:**

Occupational health and safety

**Convictions:**

Occupational Health and Safety Act

Section 25(1)(c)

Section 66(1)

Regulation 213/91 (Construction Projects Regulation)

Section 31(1)(b)

### Section 4

#### Fatality & Critical Injury Year-to-Date Overview - Construction Sector

	2017 1st January – March 31	2016 1st January – March 31 comparison with last year
<b>Fatalities</b>	3	1
<b>Critical Injuries</b>	51	21

*\* NOTE: These figures represent preliminary data, and are not to be considered official statistics from the Ministry of Labour. Official statistics will be issued quarterly by the Program Analysis, Evaluation and Outcomes Unit of the Occupational Health and Safety Branch of the Ministry of Labour.*

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##### March 2017 Fatalities (2)

*NOTE: Data are subject to change due to updates in the enforcement database. Only events reported to the ministry are included here. Except for fatalities, event categories in the ministry's data set are based on what was assigned at the time of the initial report to the ministry. The reported event category may not represent what actually occurred at the workplace.*

By Sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COMM – 1</li> <li>• RESM - 1</li> </ul>
Brief Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2017-Mar-08, Western Region - <b>A masonry block wall collapsed on a worker on the 3rd floor of townhouse project</b></li> <li>• 2017-Mar-27, Central East region - <b>Worker was unloading a concrete pre-cast panel from a truck when it fell on the worker.</b></li> </ul>
NOTE:  These entries are in ascending date order (i.e. 1st to 31st) not sector order. See Section 5 for additional entry details.	

**March 2017 Critical Injuries (26)**

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<p>By Sector</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RESM – 5</li> <li>• RESS – 3</li> <li>• INDU – 3</li> <li>• EXCAV – 1</li> <li>• COMM – 6</li> <li>• RAIL -2</li> <li>• HYDR -1</li> <li>• SEWW -2</li> <li>• ETTL -1</li> <li>• SUBW -1</li> <li>• BRID -1</li> </ul>
<p>Brief Summary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worker stepped on a piece of debris, sustained hairline fracture to left ankle</li> <li>• Worker caught foot on a protruding re-bar and fell forward resulting in unconsciousness, herniated disc and face lacerations.</li> <li>• Worker was installing glass panel which fell on worker resulting in fractured right leg.</li> <li>• Worker was climbing a ladder and missed a rung and fell backwards. Worker was knocked unconscious.</li> <li>• Beam fell and struck worker in the leg from the knee down and worker sustained a fracture to leg</li> <li>• Worker fell from ladder sustained fracture to the right ankle.</li> <li>• Worker fell off the ladder about 20 feet. Worker suffered broken arm and broke teeth.</li> <li>• Worker was doing maintenance on excavator, caught foot in step and broke lower part of leg and bones in ankle.</li> <li>• Worker stepped over a bundle of rebar and slipped due to ground being wet. Worker used his arm to brace his fall resulting in a fracture wrist.</li> <li>• Worker fell off front porch slab onto ground and sustained shattered wrist and two fractured vertebrae.</li> <li>• Worker slipped while a backhoe was moving and the bucket pinched the worker between the bucket and ground. Worker sustained broken foot and sprained ankle.</li> <li>• Worker was doing drywall work fell down form a scaffold fracturing his elbow.</li> <li>• Workers were framing on the second floor of a residential house and part of a pine tree broke landing on workers. A worker suffered broken rib, dislocated hip and crushed ankle.</li> <li>• Worker slipped in mud twisted ankle and sustained fracture fibula of leg.</li> </ul>



- Worker building a concrete form stepped down to another level and accidentally rolled his ankle resulting in a fractured ankle.
- Worker fell while entering a bull dozer resulting in a fractured leg.
- Worker fell approx. 53 inches hitting head on the side of a trough filled with water. Worker lost consciousness
- Worker was attempting to rig a metal coil; it flipped over onto the worker and his legs became trapped. worker suffered multiple fractures to leg
- Worker slipped and fell while servicing a crane. Sustained fracture to the knee.
- Worker fell 12 to 13 feet from scaffolding and lost consciousness and was bleeding from head.
- Worker was working on an elevator form and lost their balance falling 4 ft. into an elevator sump pit and sustained a fracture to arm.
- Worker was struck in the head by a rubber hose used for pouring concrete. Worker lost consciousness
- Worker was on ladder (6.5 feet in the air) removing pipes off a truck when pipe slipped from position. Worker jumped off ladder and fractured their knee.
- Worker had the bucket of a back hoe fall onto their leg, worker sustained a broken ankle.
- Public vehicle struck worker who lost consciousness.
- Worker directing vehicle backing up at work site, slipped on a patch of ice and fell and sustaining fracture to leg.
- Worker attempting to access Baker style scaffold platform, when the platform gave way. Worker fell approximately 5 ft. sustaining fracture to arm.

## Section 5

### Fatality & Critical Injury Year-to-Date Summaries\*- Construction Sector

\*All new entries (current month and reconciled data) appear in **bold**.

NOTE: Some detail will inevitably be missing from the PLMHSC Report. The document is intended to provide an initial overview, not a comprehensive report. Annual data reporting approved by the Director should be used by stakeholders if they wish to see all data available to the Ministry related to an event.

### Fatalities Year-to-Date Summary as of February 24:

#### Total Year-to-Date Fatalities:

Note 1: Ages will be included when available.

Note 2: Reconciled data appears in bold  
Central West

#	Date of Incident	Region	Sector	Occupation	Details (as reported to MOL)
1	January 16 2017	Central East	RESM Condominium project	Worker	Worker was cleaning a concrete mixing machine and was pulled inside, resulting in fatal injuries.
2	<b>2017-Mar-08</b>	<b>Western</b>	<b>COMM</b>		<b>A masonry block wall collapsed on a worker on the 3rd floor of townhouse project</b>
3	<b>2017-Mar-27</b>	Central East	RESM		<b>Worker was unloading a concrete pre-cast panel from a truck when it fell on the worker.</b>

### Critical Injuries Year-to-Date Summary (January 1<sup>st</sup> to January 27<sup>th</sup> 2017): Total Year-to-Date Critical Injuries:

Note 1: Ages will be included when available.

Note 2: Reconciled data appears in bold

#	Date of Incident	Region	Sector	Occupation	Details (as reported to MOL)
1	04-Jan-17	Western	RESS	Worker	A worker cutting weather stripping off door with utility knife, cut himself in the arm and lost consciousness.
2	09-Jan-17	Central east	COMM	Worker	A worker was critically injured due to collapsed trench. The worker was fixing a leak in a pipe when the trench collapsed and a rock/frozen earth fell on the worker.
3	10-Jan-17	Central west	RESM	Worker	A worker sustained four fractures when operator of mini excavator ran over worker's foot.
4	10-Jan-2017	Eastern	RESS	Worker	A worker slipped and fell 25 ft. off upper roof of a single family home build resulting in a loss of consciousness, fractured back and leg.

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5	16-Jan-17	Central East	RESM	Worker	A worker assisting a crane operator in lifting a load of plywood got his hands caught between the chains holding the load up and the load, which severed the index and middle fingers on his left hand.
6	19-Jan-17	Northern	COMM	Worker	Two workers were cutting concrete and one worker lost consciousness due to confirmed exposure to carbon monoxide.
7	25-Jan-17	Central west	RESS	Worker	Worker fell off step ladder and fractured wrist.
8	24-01-2017	Central West	RESS	Worker	Worker fell from 2nd level of scaffolding & sustained head injuries
9	25-01-2017	Central west	INDU	Worker	Worker lost consciousness falling backwards and hitting head on concrete. The worker was moving a mechanical unit into the building holding a strap and the strap broke. When the strap broke, the worker took several steps backwards, their hard hat fell off their head and the worker fell hitting their head on the concrete.
10	26-01-2017	Western	RESM	Worker	Drywaller fell from scaffolding - 10-12 feet and broke ankle.
11	27-01-2017	Central west	RESS	Worker	Worker hit by a truck on construction site and sustained multiple injuries.
13	04-02-2017	Central west	RESS	Worker	Worker lost balance on top step hit chest against 2x4 and sustained 3 fractures ribs, punctured lung and fractured wrist.
14	06-02-2017	Western	RESM	Worker	Worker on scaffold approximately 3-4 ft. high removing tarps when worker fell onto concrete pad in parking garage. Worker sustained head injury and fractures to both wrists.
15	06-02-2017	Western	INST	Worker	Worker was alone on a construction site performing electrical work on an out building in a park. Worker fell off top of the ladder (10 feet) Worker suffered fracture to arm
16	08-02-2017	Central West	RESS	Worker	Worker slipped on ice and fell and lost consciousness at new construction residential site.
17	14-02-2017	Western	INST	Worker	Worker was setting up a concrete form and fell off the ladder and landed on his wrist. Worker suffered a fractured wrist, rib and cut to head.
18	15-02-2017	Central West	COMM	Worker	Worker doing roof renovations fell through to floor about 20 feet and sustained multiple injuries.
19	15-02-2017	Western	INDU	Worker	Worker performing electrical work on the ceiling roof level when he fell approximately 40ft and lost consciousness and significant amount of blood, suffered head trauma and injured left wrist. He was wearing a harness but was not clipped in.
20	16-02-2017	Central West	RESM	Worker	Worker walking backwards while unloading steel from a truck using a crane, missed a step and fell down resulting in fractured ankle.

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21	20-02-2017	Western	INDU	Worker	Worker was using pry bar on platform that was 2 feet up when the bar slipped while exerting pressure causing the worker to fall and break arm.
22	21-02-2017	Central East	RESM	Worker	Worker was cutting concrete with a saw - CO2 levels emitted from machine resulted in loss of consciousness.
23	22-02-2017	Central West	EXC	Worker	Worker was exiting a trench via a ladder, he fell backwards off the ladder and into the trench, fell approximately 7-10 ft. and lost consciousness.
24	24-02-2017	Central East	RESM	Worker	Worker received injury to chest with nail gun
25	27-02-2017	Central West	RESM	Worker	Worker stepped on a piece of debris, sustained hairline fracture to left ankle
26	01-03-2017	Eastern	RAIL	Worker	Worker caught foot on a protruding re-bar and fell forward resulting in unconsciousness, herniated disc and face lacerations.
27	01-03-2017	Central east	COMM	Worker	Worker was installing glass panel which fell on worker resulting in fractured right leg.
28	02-03-2017	Western	COMM	Worker	Worker was climbing a ladder and missed a rung and fell backwards. Worker was knocked unconscious.
29	02-03-2017	Central East	COMM	Worker	Beam fell and struck worker in the leg from the knee down and worker sustained a fracture to leg
30	03-03-2017	Central east	COMM	Worker	Worker fell from ladder sustained fracture to the right ankle.
31	03-03-2017	Eastern	RESS	Worker	Worker fell off the ladder about 20 feet. Worker suffered broken arm and broke teeth.
32	04-03-2017	Eastern	HYDR	Worker	Worker was doing maintenance on excavator, caught foot in step and broke lower part of leg and bones in ankle.
33	06-03-2017	Central East	RESM	Worker	Worker stepped over a bundle of rebar and slipped due to ground being wet. Worker used his arm to brace his fall resulting in a fracture wrist.
34	06-03-2017	Western	RESS	Worker	Worker fell off front porch slab onto ground and sustained shattered wrist and two fractured vertebrae.
35	07-03-2017	Eastern	COMM	Worker	Worker slipped while a backhoe was moving and the bucket pinched the worker between the bucket and ground. Worker sustained broken foot and sprained ankle.
36	07-03-2017	Western	RESM	Worker	Worker was doing drywall work fell down from a scaffold fracturing his elbow.

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37	08-03-2017	Western	RESS	Worker	Workers were framing on the second floor of a residential house and part of a pine tree broke landing on workers. A worker suffered broken rib, dislocated hip and crushed ankle.
38	08-03-2017	Western	ETTL	Worker	Worker slipped in mud twisted ankle and sustained fracture fibula of leg.
39	09-03-2017	Central West	RESM	Worker	Worker building a concrete form stepped down to another level and accidentally rolled his ankle resulting in a fractured ankle.
40	10-03-2017	Central West	SUBW	Worker	Worker fell while entering a bull dozer resulting in a fractured leg.
41	2017-03-11	Eastern	INDU	Worker	Worker fell approx. 53 inches hitting head on the side of a trough filled with water. Worker lost consciousness
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46	18-03-2017	Eastern	RAIL	Worker	Worker was struck in the head by a rubber hose used for pouring concrete. Worker lost consciousness
47	19-03-2017	Northern	BRID	Worker	Worker was on ladder (6.5 feet in the air) removing pipes off a truck when pipe slipped from position. Worker jumped off ladder and fractured their knee.
48	22-03-2017	Western	INDU	Worker	Worker had the bucket of a back hoe fall onto their leg, worker sustained a broken ankle.
49	2017-03-24	Western	SEWW	Worker	Public vehicle struck worker who lost consciousness.
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51	27-03-2017	Central East	RESM	Worker	Worker attempting to access Baker style scaffold platform, when the platform gave way. Worker fell approximately 5 ft. sustaining fracture to arm.