2026 OHS Fines Scorecard (October 15 to November 15)



There were 17 significant reported Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) (defined as fines of $25,000 or more) across Canada from mid-October to mid-November. That's tied with two other reporting periods for the highest fine volume of 2026. Fine totals for the year now stand at 121. By comparison, there were 150 significant OHS fines reported through mid-November of 2025. While the year-to-year gap has steadily closed in recent months, it remains significant.

Fine dollars were less robust than fine volumes, even though totals nearly reached $2 million for the third time this year. That brings total 2026 fine dollars to a shade above $15.5 million, as compared to $23.9 million at this time last year. At only $111,988, the average reported OHS fine for the month was the third lowest of the year. This caused the yearly average to dip from $131,135 to $128,466. This is significantly below the $159,413 fine average through 11 reporting periods of 2025.

Barring an unforeseen year-end spike, 2026 will finish as Canada's slowest OHS fines year since the COVID-19 pandemic. This deviation is the result of the unusually low numbers reported in the beginning of the year, especially in Alberta. But this Spring, Alberta resumed its normal rigorous OHS enforcement activity causing the numbers to rebound, albeit not enough to bring 2026 into line with the fine patterns of

the previous five years.

Bottom Line: The 2026 decline is more of a statistical oddity than an enforcement lull that is unlikely to continue into 2027.

Table 1. OHS Fines in 2026 At A Glance (through August 15)

Total Financial Resources (Dollars)

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Total Financial Resources Available (Dollars) $

Source: Bongarde

Six-Figure OHS Fines

Only eight of the 17 significant OHS fines reported this month were in the six figures. That’s slightly below the normal ratio of 1.0 to 1.0. Year-to-date, 63 of the 121 reported fines have been $100,000 or more. It’s worth noting that the 2026 ratio is above last year’s level. Thus, of the 150 fines reported through mid-November 2025, only 70 were six-figure amounts.

Only one of this month’s six-figure fines qualified for the 2026 Top 12—the $365,000 administrative penalty against a British Columbia 7-Eleven store for not taking adequate measures to prevent workplace violence. That’s the sixth highest OHS fine reported in Canada this year.

For the second consecutive month, British Columbia reported the most six-figure fines with three. In addition to the “usual suspects” of Alberta and Ontario with two apiece, Saskatchewan reported one six-figure fine this month.

Table 2. Top OHS Fines of 2026

Type of Event

Type of E[illegible]

Global hotel operator fined after [illegible] incident

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Type of Event Retail fraud incident

Notes Suspect apprehended by security after concealing merchandise. Police notified and report filed. Stolen goods recovered. Suspect issued trespass notice. Incident occurred during peak shopping hours. Surveillance footage reviewed and preserved. Witness statements collected from two employees. Suspect cooperated with police. Value of stolen items estimated at $340. Suspect has prior similar incidents at this location. Case referred to prosecutor's office. Suspect released on bail pending court appearance. Store policy on shoplifting prosecution followed. Incident logged in loss prevention database. Suspect banned from all company locations.

Type of Establishment Food processing plant

Name of Establishment Sierra Foods

Address of Establishment 123 Industrial Way, Springfield, IL 62704

Name of Owner John Smith

Address of Owner 456 Elm Street, Springfield, IL 62704

Name of Person in Charge Jane Doe

Address of Person in Charge 789 Oak Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704

Name of Inspector Mary Johnson

Address of Inspector 101 Maple Drive, Springfield, IL 62704

Date of Inspection March 15, 2023

Time of Inspection 10:00 AM

Purpose of Inspection Routine inspection

Findings The inspector found that the establishment was in compliance with all applicable regulations. No violations were noted.

Recommendations The inspector recommended that the establishment continue to maintain its current practices.

Signature of Inspector Mary Johnson

Signature of Person in Charge Jane Doe

Date of Report March 15, 2023

Type of Enzyme Inhibition Question: Constructor fiantreadditionlOnlyMatchDrawnotrmkaechinea cident.

Type of Excavation contractor finds human remains during the construction of a retaining wall in t

Type of Employment Tribunal claim: Retail store refined for workplace violence.

Type of Evidence Mining company failing to get mineral rights for land they were working on.

Type of Event Timber company Event Time 3:30 pm Location Canter 4 machine.

Type of Equipment Building materials make for a lifting beam used to move by a forklift were read

Type of Emergency Plumbing Incident

Plumbing emergencies can be categorized into various types, each requiring specific attention and expertise. Some common types include burst pipes, clogged drains, water heater failures, and sewer backups. Identifying the type of emergency is crucial for determining the appropriate response and ensuring the safety of occupants and property.

Burst pipes are a common plumbing emergency that can cause significant damage to a property. They can occur due to various reasons, such as freezing temperatures, corrosion, or excessive water pressure. When a pipe bursts, it can lead to flooding, water damage, and mold growth. Prompt action is necessary to minimize the damage and prevent further complications.

Clogged drains are another frequent plumbing emergency that can disrupt the normal functioning of a household. They can be caused by various factors, including hair, soap scum, grease, and foreign objects. A clogged drain can lead to slow drainage, backups, and unpleasant odors. It is essential to address the issue promptly to avoid more severe problems.

Water heater failures can also be considered plumbing emergencies, especially during cold weather when hot water is essential. A malfunctioning water heater can result in a lack of hot water, leaks, or even explosions. Regular maintenance and inspection can help prevent water heater failures and ensure a reliable supply of hot water.

Sewer backups are a serious plumbing emergency that can pose health risks to occupants. They occur when the sewer line becomes clogged or damaged, causing wastewater to flow back into the property. Sewer backups can lead to contamination of water supplies, damage to property, and unpleasant odors. Immediate action is required to address the issue and prevent further contamination.

In addition to these common types of plumbing emergencies, there are other incidents that can occur, such as gas leaks, frozen pipes, and water hammer. Gas leaks are extremely dangerous and require immediate attention from a professional plumber. Frozen pipes can burst and cause significant damage, while water hammer can lead to pipe damage and noise.

Understanding the type of plumbing emergency is crucial for determining the appropriate response and ensuring the safety of occupants and property. It is essential to have a plan in place for emergency plumbing incidents, including knowing how to shut off the water supply and having a reliable plumber on call.

Type of Event Prime contractor notification to agency of incident

Date and Time of Event Tuesday, 10:30 AM

Location of Event Warehouse

Description of Event Forklift overturned in warehouse.

Type of Energy company find for not implement a treating gas to [illegible] you key use protocols for fracking workers.

Source: Bongarde

Ontario retains its perennial place as Canada’s leading producer of six-figure OHS fines with 26, roughly 40% of the national total and 10 more than second-place British Columbia. But those numbers are slightly misleading given that BC generates higher overall OHS fines volumes. While the vast majority of these are administrative penalties of less than $10,000, BC also hands out the highest fines of any province, accounting for four of the six biggest of 2026. Only two of the Top 12 OHS fines of 2026 come from Ontario.

After not having reported any during the first four months of the year, Alberta has now issued 15 six-figure fines, just one fewer than BC, including six of the Top 12. Saskatchewan is the only other province that has reported multiple six-figure OHS fines with three. Manitoba and Nunavut have each reported one fine of at least $100,000 during the year.

Table 3. 6-Figures OHS Fines in 2026 By Jurisdiction

Reported 6 Jul 2026

Ontario

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British Columbia

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Saskatchewan

Reported 6 Jun 2026

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Reported 6 Jul 2026 Friday 06:00 AM

Manitoba Hydro-Sask Joint Inspection 2026

Manitoba

Source: Bongarde

Overall OHS Fines

Five different provinces reported OHS fines of $25,000 or more from mid-October to mid-November. British Columbia reported the most with six, followed by Ontario with five. Surprisingly, Manitoba reported three fines this month, one more than Alberta. The other significant fine came from Saskatchewan. Here’s a rundown of all the reported fines during the period.

Table 4. OHS Fines Reported October 15 to November 15, 2026 ($25,000 or more)