

BC Compliance Alert: Which OHS Regulations Are Likely to Change in the Next 2 Years?



Combustible dusts, PPE, confined spaces, mobile equipment and traffic control are among the key items that WorkSafeBC has targeted for revision. Here's a summary of the agency's OHS regulatory review agenda for 2018-2019. OHSI will let you know of any changes and how to comply with them as soon as they come down.

Key BC OHS Regulatory Changes to Expect in 2018-2019

Part of OHS Regulation	Expected Change(s)	Expected Action Date
Part 4 General Conditions	Hazard identification and risk assessment to be required in <i>all</i> workplaces	2018
Part 4, Secs. 4.81 and 4.82	Extend duty to control exposure to environmental tobacco smoke to e-cigarettes (2019)	2019
Part 5 Chemical Agents and Biological Agents	Review requirements for combustible dust or particulate solids and for dust collectors	TBD
Part 6 Substance Specific Requirements, Secs. 6.42-6.58	Update current cytotoxic drugs requirements, which were created 20 years ago	2019
Part 6, Secs. 6.89 and 6.90	Update Restricted entry intervals (REIs), i.e., minimum time required between the time a pesticide is applied and the time people can enter the area without protective clothing and equipment	2019
Part 8 PPE, Sec. 8.11	Update safety headgear requirements and references to voluntary standards cited in Reg.	2018
Part 8, Secs. 8.14-8.18	Update eye and face protection requirements and references to CSA and ANSI standards cited in Reg.	2018
8. Part 8 and Part 18 Traffic Control, Secs. 8.24 and 18.9(b)	Update high-visibility apparel requirements and references to standards cited in Reg.	2019
Part 9 Confined Spaces	Review all of Part to ensure it's up to date	TBD

Part 12 Tools, Machinery and Equipment, multiple sections	Require selection of safeguarding to be based on a comprehensive WCB Standard Personal Protective Equipment Standard 2-1997, High Visibility Garment ('WCB PPE 2-1997')	2019
Part 16 Mobile Equipment	Review all of Part 16 to ensure it's up to date	2018
Part 18 Traffic Control, multiple sections	Harmonize rules with Ministry of Transportation 2015 Interim Traffic Management Manual for Work on Roadways	2019
Part 20 Construction, Excavation and Demolition, Secs. 20.17-20.26	Clarify the responsibilities of employers and professional engineers	2019
Part 21 Blasting Operations, multiple sections	Update requirements for blasting equipment and practices	2019
Part 24 Diving, Fishing and Other Marine Operations	New requirement that crewmembers of commercial fishing vessels wear PFDs or lifejackets when working on deck even if guardrails, personal fall protection systems or safety nets are in place	2018
Part 26 Forestry Operations and Similar Activities, multiple sections	New requirements for arborists based on ANSI Z133-2012 Standard for Safety Requirements in Arboricultural Operations	2019

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