

Latest Ontario OHS Prosecution Statistics



The Ontario Ministry of Labour (MOL) recently updated various statistics related to its enforcement of the OHS laws. The statistics are current through the end of the 2013/14 fiscal year (March 31, 2014).

Highlights:

- The number of convictions has been dropping since 2008/09, when there were 1,303. In comparison, there were only 780 for 2013/14.
- The average fine per conviction for 2013/14 was \$11,932. Seems pretty low, doesn't it? That's because the data includes Part I contested tickets, Part I summonses and Part III prosecutions. Because the penalties for tickets and summonses are much lower than for full prosecutions, they drag the average down. (Read this 2012 report by two Ontario OHS lawyers on which cases generally result in higher fines.)

Data in the tables below for 1996-2004 is listed by calendar year, while data for 2005-2014 is listed by fiscal year (April 1 – March 31).

Number of Convictions and Amount of Fines Per Year: 1997-2002

Convictions/Fines	1997	1999	1998	2000	2001	2002
Number of Convictions	313	309	283	333	287	459
Amount of Fines	\$3,746,893	\$6,545,260	\$4,582,638	\$5,155,775	\$7,300,715	\$9,157,860

Number of Convictions and Amount of Fines Per Year: 2003-2009

Convictions/Fines	2003	2004	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Number of Convictions	618	386	326	856	1,191	1,303
Amount of Fines	\$7,115,725	\$6,292,835	\$6,069,251	\$8,821,380	\$12,007,535	\$14,136,060

Number of Convictions and Amount of Fines Per Year: 2009-2014

Convictions/Fines	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Number of Convictions	1,164	948	903	814	780
Amount of Fines	\$12,909,435	\$11,291,560	\$9,771,230	\$10,695,290	\$9,307,130