

OHS Scorecard: 5 Biggest Recent OHS Fines in BC in 2024



Fine	Offender	Trigger Incident	Offence(s) (1)
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 \$637,415	West Fraser Mills Ltd.	Subcontractor's worker suffers serious burns while vacuuming a hatch midway up a multi- cone hopper when compacted hot ash in the hopper broke free	><u>Failure as prime contractor to:</u> *Do an adequate assessment of risks associated with accumulated hot ash *Ensure safe work procedures were communicated to subcontractor firm *Ensure subcontractor's workers were trained ><u>Failure as site owner to:</u> *Provide information necessary to identify and control hazards (repeated violation) * Instruct workers in safe work procedures *Provide adequate PPE for work around extreme temperature sources
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\$80,000	Honghot Enterprises Inc.	WorkSafeBC issues stop work order after inspectors spot violations at residential asbestos abatement site	*Negative air pressure not maintained at decontamination unit *Breaches in the containment, including holes in exterior walls, soffit venting + and around windows *Workers observed exiting the building without following proper decontamination procedures
\$40,000	Safe and Sound Environmentals Ltd.	Firm that did pre-demolition asbestos abatement at residential site was unable to provide clearance letter, air sample results, waste disposal records or other evidence that asbestos-containing materials were removed in accordance with safe work practices	*Failure to safely contain or remove all hazardous materials *Failure to have qualified person confirm in writing that all hazardous materials had been contained or removed

\$40,000	EFE Hazmat Ltd.	WorkSafeBC finds asbestos at residential site after abatement contractor issued clearance letter saying all asbestos-containing materials were removed	Failure to safely contain or remove all hazardous materials
\$33,923	Robar Industries Ltd.	WorkSafeBC issues stop work order after spotting confined spaces violations at foundry plant inside space containing respirable crystalline silica (RCS) dust	*Failure to have qualified person develop exposure control plan *Failure to use adequate control measures to protect against RCS dust exposure *Failure to train workers in hazards of RCS dust, safe work procedures + PPE use *Allowing use of dry sweeping to clean RCS dust *Failure to implement confined space entry program