

Careless driving, fines and penalties in Ontario 2024

Careless driving charge is open for interpretation by the police, and there are many situations where careless driving qualifies as an offence. It is a charge or ticket given out by police when they deem a driver was not using care and failed to pay attention and drive safely properly. Here are some examples:

- Failing to maintain a safe distance from other vehicles
- Road rage.
- Failing to check mirrors when reversing or changing directions.
- Risky or unsafe passing or lane changes.
- Running a red light or stop sign.
- Excessive speeding, street racing or stunt driving.
- Accidents involving pedestrians and cyclists.
- A crash is caused by an inconsiderate action – such as texting and driving.
- Any other situation where proper care is NOT taken on the road.



Section 130 of the Ontario Highway Traffic Act defines the act of careless driving: Every person is guilty of the offence of driving carelessly who drives a vehicle or street car on a highway without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons using the highway. Possible driving penalties you could receive if you are given a charge of careless driving in Ontario:

- Fines between \$490 to \$2000.
- 6 demerit points issued.
- 30-day licence suspension for novice drivers.
- The fine is double in construction and community safety zones.
- Serious offences could receive a possible two-year license suspension.
- Serious offences could receive a possible six months in jail.
- You will see increased insurance costs for careless driving upon conviction.
- Possible loss of employment, especially for commercial drivers.

Careless driving is not considered a criminal offence, and you will not receive a criminal record if you are convicted of careless driving in Ontario. Even though it is a non-criminal charge, you will be subjected to fines, driver's license suspension, and jail time, depending on the severity of the offence.

You will receive a criminal record, however, if you are convicted of dangerous driving. Examples are:

- excessive speeding or racing;
- driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol;
- distracted driving (such as using a cell phone or eating while driving);
- aggressive driving, such as tailgating or weaving in and out of traffic;
- ignoring traffic signals or signs;
- failing to yield to other cars or pedestrians;
- driving recklessly or carelessly;
- driving with a mechanical issue that impairs the ability to operate the vehicle safely;
- failing to maintain the car properly, such as driving with worn-out brakes or tires, etc.

Penalties are far more severe if you are found guilty under the Criminal Code.

Workplace Fire Safety in Ontario

Workplace fire safety programs not only enhance public and employee safety, the requirements fall under both the Ontario Fire Code and the Occupational Health & Safety Act.

Always keep fire exits and evacuation routes clear. Install and maintain fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, and sprinkler systems. Conduct regular fire drills to ensure employees are familiar with evacuation procedures. Display clear and visible signs indicating the location of fire exits and safety equipment.



Conducting a fire safety assessment to identify potential fire hazards and assess the risks associated with them. And develop a fire safety plan that outlines the steps that will be taken to prevent fires, and how to respond in the event of a fire.

1. Ensure your workplace is holding fire and evacuation training / drills as required by Fire Code. This includes involving both workers & supervisory staff.
2. Ensure your workplace has a "documented" evacuation program. This program must include procedures for supervisory staff and may include Fire Wardens during both emergency evacuations and shelter in place orders.
3. Consider training your staff and employees in the safe use of fire extinguishers.
4. Ensure your workplace has an active "HOTWORK" Program.
5. Ensure staff report fire safety deficiencies immediately such as burnt out exit lights, obstructed sprinkler heads, overloaded electrical plugs, and blocked egress routes.
6. Review procedures for building occupants with special needs or those who require special assistance in the event of evacuation. These procedures must be reviewed at minimum annually as per the Ontario Fire Code. This information will be found in your building's approved Fire Safety Plan. Your Fire Safety Plan – Must be reviewed and updated every 12 months.

Upcoming Courses Location - NATT 98 Fielding Road, Lively, Ontario, Canada

Working at Heights

- Aug 2 @ 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
- Aug 9 @ 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
- Aug 12 @ 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
- Aug 19 @ 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
- Aug 23 @ 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
- Aug 26 @ 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
- Aug 30 @ 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Working at Heights Refresher

- Aug 7 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm & 12:30 - 4:00 pm
- Aug 14 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm & 12:30 - 4:00 pm

Overhead Crane

- Aug 29 @ 8:00 am—4:30 pm

Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP)

- Aug 1 @ 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Common Core - Smelter 810090

- Aug 1 @ 8:00am - 12:30 pm

Common Core - Non-Production 810090

- Aug 20 @ 8:00am - 12:30 pm

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NATT Safety Services provides safety training and industrial services.

Our training includes CPO-Approved Working at Heights, Confined Space, Power Elevated Work Platform, Forklift, Indoor Fire Extinguisher Simulator training, and much more. We also have several online training courses available. Contact us for a custom quote.

For more information about our safety training and services, [contact us today!](#)

Court Bulletins Fatality

Review the bulletin below and click on the link to know more if this hazard could occur in your workplace.



[July 19 Lift Truck Critical Injury - MTCA Fined \\$70,000](#)

A dryer broke down for approximately three hours, causing a trail of water to form down the aisle where workers were using forklifts to transport totes, the containers used to transport or store materials. The forklifts were not equipped with the proper tires suitable for wet environments. One worker driving a forklift down the aisle lost control and collided with another worker approaching their forklift, causing serious injuries.

The company failed to ensure that floor was kept free of hazards as required under S 11(a) of Reg. 851 contrary to S 25(1)(c) of the OHSA.

[July 18 Trenching Collapse Critical Injury - South Essex Fabricating Inc. Fined \\$65,000.](#)

3 workers were repairing a section of damaged stormwater drainage pipe at a worksite inside a trench. At one end of the trench, the width was just over seven feet, with a depth of just over eight feet. The width and depth of the excavation varied due to the uneven base and walls of the greenhouse. The distance between the two ends of the pipe was approximately 23 feet. The excavated walls of the trench were cut vertically with little or no sloping, and no shoring was in place.

A worker entered the trench to repair the pipe when one of the trench walls collapsed. The collapsed portion of the trench made up a significant portion of the 23 feet cleared to repair the pipe. As a result of the collapse, the worker sustained critical injuries.

An investigation found that the employer failed to shore the walls of the trench in violation of S 234(1) of Reg. 213 contrary to S 25(1)(c) of the OHSA.

[July 12 Critical Injury - Forages Technic-Eau Inc. / Technic-Eau Drillings Inc. Fined \\$60,000](#)

A worker was unloading boxes from an idling crawling carrier that was parked beside a pickup truck and failed to apply the parking brake before exiting the vehicle. When exiting, the worker then accidentally made contact with its control levers. This caused the vehicle to move toward the parked pickup truck, causing serious injuries to the worker who was between the two vehicles.

The employer failed to ensure that the crawling carrier's parking brake was applied before the worker exited the vehicle, as required under S 105(1)(i) of Reg. 854, contrary to S 25(1)(c) of the OHSA.

[July 5 Ladder Fatality - Woodstock Ford Fined \\$125,000](#)

A worker was drying the roof of the vehicle with a chamois while standing on the top cap of a stepladder. When the worker attempted to get down from the stepladder, they slipped and fell to the concrete floor 33.5 inches below, sustaining fatal injuries.

An investigation found that the stepladder was an inadequate height to be safely used by the worker to dry the roof of the vehicle, which created a fall hazard. Instead, the work could have been done safely with a ladder or platform designed to be used at the required height. The employer failed to take the reasonable precautions of ensuring that the worker worked from a ladder or platform designed to be used at the required working height, contrary to S 25(2)(h) of the OHSA.

[July 2 Guarding Critical Injury - Can Art Aluminum Extrusion Canada Inc. Fined \\$55,000](#)

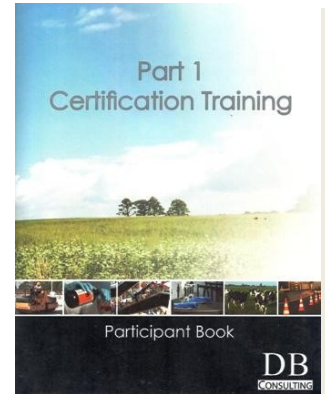
A worker was operating the saw to cut aluminum extrusions to the required lengths. On the post-cut side of the saw, some of the rollers on the conveyor belt were not working. To move the extrusions along, the worker pushed the extrusions down the conveyor and got injured by the gauge head.

An investigation revealed the saw had no guard to prevent access to the pinch point caused by the rotating-gauge head. As a result the employer failed to ensure that the measures and procedures prescribed by S 24 of Reg. 851 were carried out in the workplace, contrary to S 25(1)(c) of the OHSA.

Joint Health and Safety Training (In Class and Distance Learning)

Safetyscope can help with:

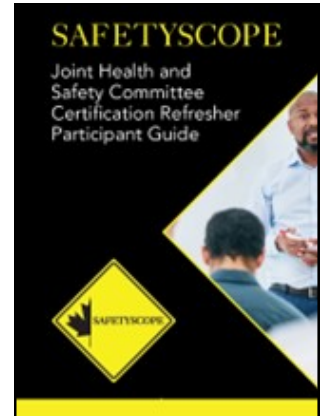
- In Class sessions for DBC Inc. JHSC Part 1 and JHSC Part 2
- Distance Learning (Virtual) Refresher training utilizing DBC Inc. approved training
- In Class sessions for Safetyscope JHSC Refresher Training



Safetyscope is an approved provider

We have continued to expand our scope and now Safetyscope is an approved provider for the following:

- Safetyscope is an approved provider for JHSC Refresher Training
- Safetyscope is an approved provider for Working @ Heights Training
- Safetyscope is an approved provider for W@H Refresher Training
- Toronto Water Approved Provider for Working at Heights
- TSSA Approved Training Provider
- Corrections Canada Approved provider for



Safetyscope's and NATT Safety Services Public Training Locations

[2501 Rutherford Road Unit 22](#) Vaughan, ON 416.231.3752

[98 Fielding Road Lively, ON](#) Toll Free 1.866.244.3334

Unit 1, 3524 Coons Rd. Brockville, ON 1.888.294.1943

117 White Oak Drive East, Sault Ste. Marie, ON 249.889.6160



Safetyscope Continuing to Maintaining Registration as an OWWCO Training Provider

These courses meet the criteria in subsection 29(4) of O.Reg. 128, Certification of Drinking Water System Operators and Water Quality Analysts. On Completion of training all participants will receive a certificate of completion with corresponding CEU Value.

1. Working at Heights	.7 CEU
2. WHMIS	.4 CEU
3. TDG	.4 CEU
4. Working in Confined Spaces Rescue Level	2.8 CEU
5. Confined Spaces Attendant Non Entry	1.3 CEU
6. Confined Spaces Advanced Entrant	.7 CEU
7. Confined Spaces Attendant Refresher	.7 CEU
8. Confined Spaces Rescue Refresher	.7 CEU
9. Standard First Aid	1.4 CEU
10. Self Contained Breathing Apparatus	.4 CEU
11. Spill Response	.7 CEU
12. Trenching Hazards	.4 CEU



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2024 SCHEDULE

First Day Attendant Course
Time: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Second Day ½ day Entrance Course
Time: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

January	22 - 23
February	12 - 13
March	18 - 19
April	15 - 16
May	13 - 14
June	17 - 18
July	15 - 16
August	12 - 13
September	16 - 17
October	14 - 15
November	11 - 12
December	16 - 17



Competent Supervisor
1 Day Course

Time: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
 February 28
 April 25
 June 27
 August 29
 October 24



Day 1 - Emergency Level/Recertification
Day 2 - Standard First Aid Level C

Time: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
 February 5 - 6
 May 6 - 7
 August 5 - 6
 November 4 - 5



Working At Heights
1 Day Course

Time: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

January	12 & 26
February	9 & 23
March	8 & 22
April	12 & 26
May	10 & 24
June	7 & 21
July	5 & 19
August	2, 16 & 30
September	13 & 27
October	11 & 25
November	8 & 22
December	6 & 20



Working At Heights Refresher
1/2 Day Course

Time: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

January	5 & 19
February	2 & 16
March	1 & 15
April	5 & 19
May	3, 17, & 31
June	14 & 28
July	12 & 26
August	9 & 23
September	6 & 20
October	4 & 18
November	1, 15 & 29
December	13 & 27



JHSC Part 1 Certification
Dwight Barratt Inc. - 3 Day Course
Time: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

March	25 - 27
August	19 - 21
November	25 - 27



Part 2 and Refresher also available

Confined Space Rescue
4 Day Course

Time: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

May 27 - 30
December 9 - 12



Course held at the SafetyScope Training Centre
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