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# Alberta Occupational Health & Safety Code Update

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## Information Alert

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The Alberta Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Code has been updated to keep workplace health and safety rules current and relevant. Alberta employers have until July 1<sup>st</sup> to comply with the updates.

The Occupational Health and Safety Council recommended changes to the code after extensive public consultation.

Updates to the OHS Code include the following:

- New requirements for life calculations, tag lines and personnel baskets;
- Healthcare requirements specific to patient/client/resident handling;
- New requirements for medical sharps;
- New concept of a 'restricted' space with less stringent requirements than a confined' space;
- Requirements applicable to respiratory protection against airborne biohazardous material;
- Mobile equipment requirements specifically for concrete pump trucks;
- New, specific safety factors for rigging components;
- Occupational exposure limits revised for nearly 150 chemical substances; and
- Updates to better reflect current mining practices.

A bulletin that compares the 2006 and 2009 editions of the Code can be found online at:  
<http://employment.alberta.ca/SFW/307.html>