

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACRONYMS

The following is a list of acronyms commonly used in Nova Scotia Occupational Health and Safety Division materials. Note that the meanings given below are common meanings. However, in specific circumstances, an acronym may have a different meaning than the one listed.

ABIH	American Board of Industrial Hygiene
AC	Nova Scotia Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Council
ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
AIHA	American Industrial Hygiene Association
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
APENS	Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
AWCBC	Association of Workers Compensation Boards of Canada
BEI	Biological exposure index
BS	British standard
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CAALL-OSH	Canadian Association of Administrators of Labour Legislation - Occupational Safety and Health Sub-Committee
Canmet	Canada Centre for Mineral and Energy Technology
CANS	Construction Association of Nova Scotia
CBC	Canada Building Code
CCOHS	Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety
CEC	Canadian Electrical Code
CFIB	Canadian Federation of Independent Business

CGA	Compressed Gas Association
CGSB	Canadian General Standards Board
CIH	Certified Industrial Hygienist
CLC	Canada Labour Code
CLC	Canadian Labour Congress
CMRA	Coal Mining Regulation Act
CNS	Communications Nova Scotia
CNSOPB	Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board
COHN(C)	Certified Occupational Health Nurse (Canada)
CRBOH	Canadian Registration Board of Occupational Hygienists
CRSP	Canadian Registered Safety Professional
CSA	Canadian Standards Association
CSA, NSCSA	Nova Scotia Construction Safety Association
CSP	Certified Safety Professional
CSSE	Canadian Society of Safety Engineering
CSST	Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (Occupational Health and Safety Commission)
CSU	Corporate service unit
CUPE	Canadian Union of Public Employees
DCS	Director of Central Services
DFS	Director of Field Services
DM	Deputy Minister
DNR	Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources

DOE	Nova Scotia Department of the Environment
DOJ	Nova Scotia Department of Justice
EA	Environmental Assessment
ED	Executive Director
EN	European standard
ERTW	Early return to work
EU	European Union
FOPS	Falling object protective structure
FP&SR	Fall Protection and Scaffolding Regulations
GSR	General Occupational Safety Regulations
HFAC	Human Factors Association of Canada
HRDC	Human Resources Development Canada
HRM	Halifax Regional Municipality
HSE	Health and Safety Executive
HVAC	Heating, ventilating and air conditioning
IAPA	Industrial Accident Prevention Association
IAQ	Indoor air quality
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
ICS	Inspection and Compliance Services (part of OHS Division)
IRS	Internal Responsibility System
IRSST	L'Institut de recherche en santé et en sécurité du travail (Occupational Health and Safety Research Institute)
ITIS	Investigative, Technical and Internal Services (part of OHS Division)

ISO	International Organization for Standardization
JOHSC	Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee
LWD	Labour and Workforce Development (Department of)
LTD	Long-term disability
MMQRA	Metalliferous Mines and Quarries Regulation Act
MOL	Ministry of Labour
MSHA	Mine Safety and Health Administration
NAOSH	North American Occupational Safety and Health
NFPA	National Fire Prevention Association
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
NSFL	Nova Scotia Federation of Labour
NSGEU	Nova Scotia Government Employees' Union
NSPI	Nova Scotia Power Incorporated
NSSC	Nova Scotia Community College
NSSC	Nova Scotia Safety Council
OEL	Occupational exposure limit
OFM	Office of the Fire Marshall
OH&S, OHS	Occupational health and safety
OS&H, OSH	Occupational safety and health
OHANS	Occupational Health Nurses' Association of Nova Scotia
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment

P&P Manual	Policy and Procedures Manual
PEL	Permissible exposure limit
P.Eng	Registered Professional Engineer
PWGSC	Public Works and Government Services Canada
R&R	Report and Recommendation to Cabinet
REL	Recommended exposure limit
RFP	Request for proposals
ROH	Registered Occupational Hygienist
ROHT	Registered Occupational Hygiene Technologist
ROPS	Roll over protective structure
SAE	Society of Automotive Engineers
SCC	Supreme Court of Canada
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure(s)
SOT	Summary Offence Ticket
STD	Short-Term Disability
STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
SWWP	Safe Written Work Procedures
TIR	Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (Department of)
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TWA	Time-Weighted Average
TWTC	Temporary Workplace Traffic Control
ULC	Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada

UMR	Underground Mining Regulations
WCB	Workers' Compensation Board
WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials System
WHO	World Health Organization
WHSCC	New Brunswick Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission
WHSCC	Newfoundland Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission
WSIB	Ontario Workplace Safety and Insurance Board
WWP	Written Work Procedures (also Safe Written Work Procedures SWWP)