

April 28th - Day of Mourning

Across Canada, April 28 has been designated the Day of Mourning. Each year, workers, families, employers, and communities across the province remember those who have lost their lives on the job, and we all renew our commitment to creating healthy and safe workplaces. Every year across Canada approximately 1000 workers die from illness or injury because of their work.

Workplace injuries and illnesses claimed the lives of 151 B.C. workers last year, with more than half (88) of the work-related deaths the result of occupational disease — 51 were the result of exposure to asbestos, with many exposures happening decades earlier. Two workers in the forest industry were killed this year in March due to tree falling incidents.

Every injury, disease, or death serves as a powerful reminder that employers have an important responsibility to ensure that all workplaces in B.C. are healthy and safe.

Join us online for a moment of silence

In lieu of a physical ceremony this year, please join us in a moment of silence on April 28 at 10:30 a.m. to remember the 151 B.C. workers who died last year from a workplace injury or disease. Please visit dayofmourning.bc.ca to watch and share a video message from our partners and observe a moment of silence.



Commemorate the day

Some other ways to commemorate the day include:

- Sending a message to employees re-enforcing your commitment to a healthy and safe workplace and sharing the link to the commemorative video
- Sharing a message on social media
- Ordering a wreath for your worksite or fly flag at half-mast.

Mourn For the Dead-Fight For the Living
