

A newsletter by the Employers' Advisers Office, Ministry of Labour, B.C. Government. The [Employers' Advisers Office](#) provides advice, assistance, representation, and educational services on all aspects of the workers' compensation system.

### OHS Reg Amendments effective March 1, 2023

Amendments to [Parts 14 and 19, Inconsistent Crane Misadventure and Zone-Limiting Devices in Tower Cranes and revisions to Item R19.25-1 of the Prevention Manual](#) came into effect on March 1, 2023. The changes are mostly aimed at clarifying definitions and situations where the Regulation may apply. A change to Part 14.85.1(2) clarifies that it is the employer's responsibility to ensure that overlapping zones are avoided where practicable. There are also some modified requirements for zone-limiting devices.

**Interesting Fact** - The Employers' Advisers Office has presented 51 virtual and in-person seminars to 4272 people during the first two months of 2023!

### New Due Diligence Resource

WorkSafeBC recently updated their [online Due Diligence resources](#). Due diligence requires taking all reasonable steps to protect workers from harm.

- **Identify all workplace hazards**
- **Implement all necessary preventative measures**
- **Communicate appropriately to all necessary personnel**

Here is the link to the new information sheet: [Basics of due diligence | WorkSafeBC](#). The new resource replaces the former Due Diligence Checklist, which is no longer available on WorkSafeBC's website.

5 Steps of Due Diligence:

1. **Be Aware**
2. **Be Objective**
3. **Be Proactive**
4. **Be Vigilant**
5. **Be On Record**



### Do You Need to Submit a Notice of Project?

The WorkSafeBC Regulation requires owners, prime contractors, and/or employers to complete a [Notice of Project Form](#) before starting work activity on certain projects. We have listed the required Notice of Projects below. More details about whether you need to submit a Notice of Project for your work or activity can be found at this [WorkSafeBC Link](#)

Type of project	Notice required
Construction ( <a href="#">OHS Regulation 20.2</a> )	At least 24 hours
Asbestos, lead or other similar exposure work activity ( <a href="#">OHS Regulation 20.2.1 (1)</a> )	At least 48 hours
Forestry projects expected to last more than 5 working days ( <a href="#">OHS Regulation 26.4</a> )	At least 24 hours but not more than 30 days
Diving operations ( <a href="#">OHS Regulation 24.9(1)(a) to (f)</a> )	At least 24 hours
Aircraft operations (forestry) ( <a href="#">OHS Regulation 29.16</a> )	At least 2 weeks
Underground workings ( <a href="#">OHS Regulation 22.6</a> )	At least 30 days
Close proximity blasting operations expected to last more than 3 days (construction) ( <a href="#">OHS Regulation 21.88</a> )	At least 24 hours

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