

## Day of Mourning: April 28, 2026

### 2026 Day of Mourning: Let's Own Our Lifts

On our national Day of Mourning, we pause to honour workers who have lost their lives because of work-related injuries or diseases.

In 2025, 138 workers died in British Columbia, including two young workers.

In our own sector, seven workers in B.C. have died in crane-related incidents over the past five years, including the 2021 Kelowna collapse and the 2024 Oakridge incident.

These events remind us how quickly things can change around lifting operations.

As we remember those workers and their families, let's recommit to the basics that keep everyone safe:



#### 1. Know the Plan

- Review the lift, the load path, the final load placement, and the exclusion zones.
- Make sure every trade worker nearby understands where the crane and load will be moving.

#### 2. Communicate Clearly

- Confirm the hand signals approved by the Board and have radios charged and available.
- If communication breaks down, the lift stops—no exceptions.

#### 3. Control the Space

- Keep the load path clear of people, equipment, and conflicting work.
- Protect ground crews and bystanders who may not understand the hazards.

#### 4. Respect the Limits

- Weather, ground conditions, rigging integrity, and equipment capacity all matter.
- If anything looks wrong, stop the lift until it's corrected.

#### 5. Use Your Rights

- All workers have the right to know, the right to participate, and the right to refuse unsafe work. Exercise these rights every moment of the workday.
- Stop it, correct it, and report it. Protect yourself, your crew, and every worker sharing the site.

Today is about remembering those we've lost. The best way to honour them is by protecting one another, staying alert, and making sure every worker goes home safely at the end of the day.

**Know your rights. Visit our [Roles, Rights, and Responsibilities](#) knowledge base page.**

**Learn more about the [Day of Mourning in B.C.](#)**

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Employer: ..... Supervisor: .....

Date: ..... Time: ..... Shift: .....

Number in crew: ..... Number attending: .....

**Other safety concerns or suggestions:** .....

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**Record of those attending:**

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Manager's remarks: .....

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Manager: ..... Supervisor: .....  
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For more information on health and safety requirements for crane operations in BC, refer to the *Workers Compensation Act* and the OHS Regulation at [worksafebc.com](http://worksafebc.com).