

Firefighter Presumptions

The following table provides links to regulations, legislation and policy related to firefighter presumptions in each province and territory.

	Regulations (if exists)	Section of Act (if exists)	Policy (if exists)
Newfoundland and Labrador	N/A	N/A	N/A
Prince Edward Island	None	None	None
Nova Scotia	Firefighters' Compensation Regulations , NS Reg 140/2003	Workers' Compensation Act (section 35A)	N/A
New Brunswick	General Regulation - Firefighters' Compensation Act	Firefighters' Compensation Act	Policy No. 21-116 Firefighters' Compensation Act
Quebec	None	None	None
Ontario	Firefighters Regulation (Ontario Regulation 253/07)	Workplace Safety and Insurance Act (sections 15.1, 15.2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy 23-02-01, Cancers in Firefighters and Fire Investigators • Policy 15-03-12, Heart Injuries in Firefighters and Fire Investigators • Policy 12-04-02, Volunteer Forces • Policy 14-02-11, Insurable Earnings – Volunteer Forces
Manitoba	Manitoba Regulation 160/2005R, Minimum Periods of Employment and Non-Smoking - Firefighters and OFC Personnel	Workers Compensation Act (sections 4(5.1) -4(5.7))	N/A

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Saskatchewan	<u>The Workers' Compensation General Regulations, 1985</u> (sections 22.3 and 22.4)	N/A	The following policies/procedures apply to fire fighters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>POL 03/2012 – Benefit of Doubt</u> • <u>POL 12/2013 – Arising Out of and In the Course of Employment</u> • <u>POL 06/2012 – Injuries – Fire Fighters</u> • <u>POL & PRO 05/2013 – Injuries – Heart Attack</u> • <u>POL 11/2003 & PRO 13/2007 – Occupational Disease</u> • <u>POL & PRO 04/2006 – Coverage – Volunteer Firefighters</u>
Alberta	<u>Firefighters' Primary Site Cancer Regulation (A.R. 102/2003)</u>	<u>Workers' Compensation Act</u> (section 24.1) ¹	N/A
British Columbia	<u>Firefighters Occupational Disease Regulation</u> (B.C. Reg 125/2009)	<u>Workers Compensation Act</u> (section 6.1) Section 6.1, Firefighters' occupational disease presumption, which includes lung cancer, was amended to add heart injury and heart disease in firefighters to the list of presumptive diseases recognized by WorkSafeBC. Under the amendment, if a firefighter suffers from heart disease or a heart injury, it will be presumed to be due to their work as a firefighter unless the contrary is proved.	None.

1 See also the [Workplace/Occupational Stress](#) section for details on section 24.2 and the PTSD presumption for first responders, which includes firefighters.

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Yukon ²	<p>Occupational Health and Safety Act (sections 3 – 11)</p> <p>Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, Part 11 – Firefighting</p>	<p><i>Workers' Compensation Act</i>, sections 17.1 and 17.2</p> <p>Firefighters Presumption: (sections 17.1, 17.2 of the <i>Workers' Compensation Act</i>) can be found in the Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act. (assented to March 28, 2011, see section 2)</p>	<p>EN-14 Firefighters Presumption</p>
Northwest Territories and Nunavut	<p>Firefighters' Presumption Regulations</p>	<p>Workers' Compensation Act (section 14.1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy 00.08, Decision Making • Policy 03.06, Entitlement of Occupational Disease Claims

N/A means not applicable or not available. Contact individual [Boards/Commissions](#) if you require further information or clarification.

2 Please note, Yukon's information was last updated in 2012. 2014 information was unavailable at time of publishing.

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