



NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

A day to remember
those who have died
or been injured
on-the-job—and to
renew our commitment
to workplace health
and safety.

On Dec. 28, 1990, the Canadian government passed the *Workers Mourning Day Act*, which established an official day observed every year to commemorate workers injured, killed or disabled on the job or who suffer from occupational illnesses.

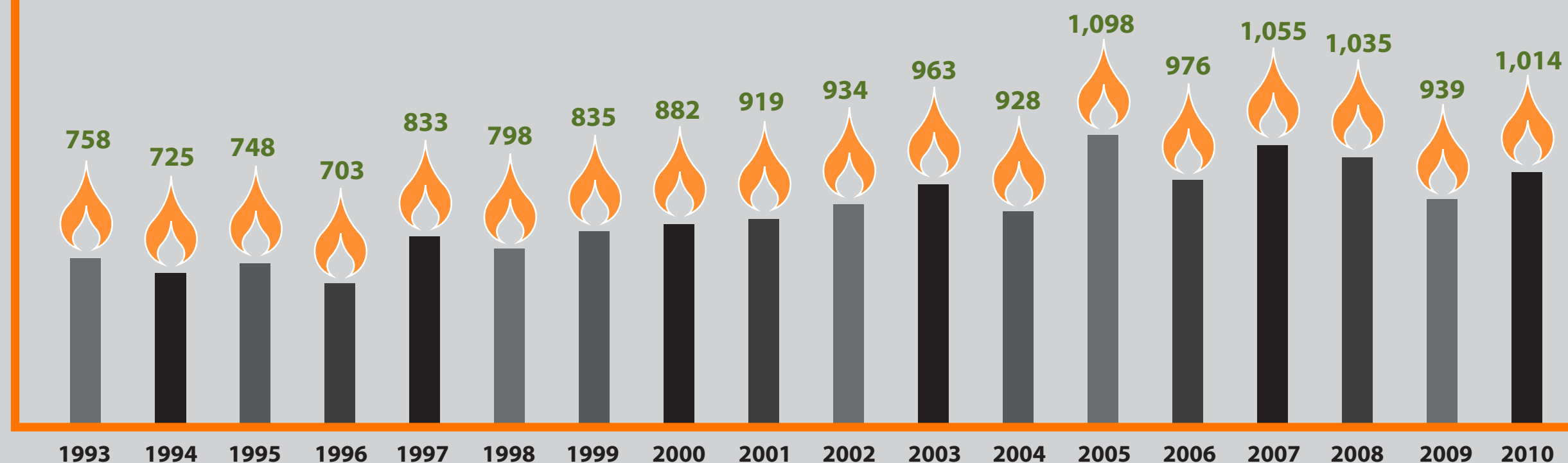
The observance has spread to more than **80 countries** around the world, where it's typically known as the **Workers' Memorial Day**.

The *International Labour Organization (ILO)* celebrates April 28th as **World Day for Safety & Health at Work**.



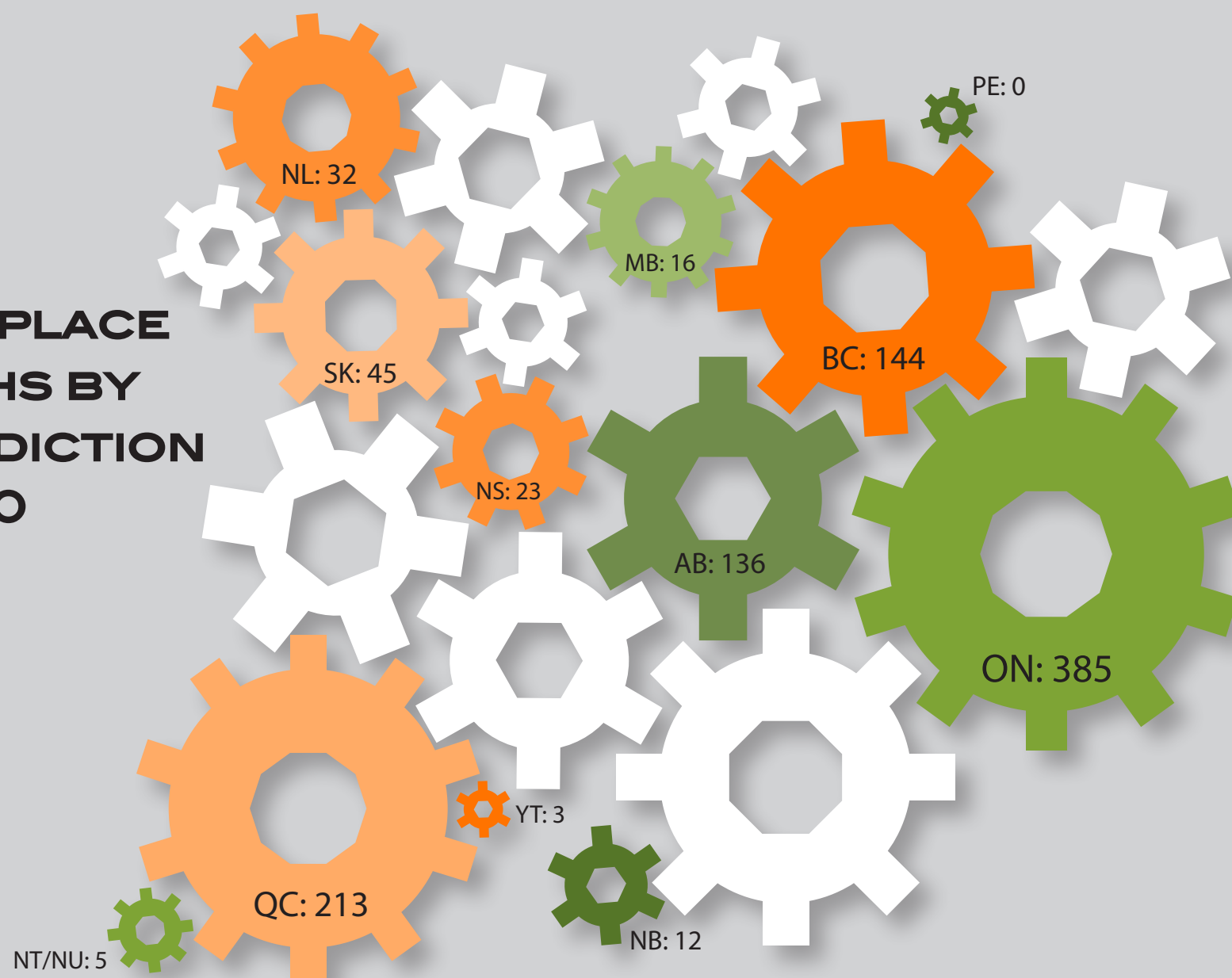
WORKPLACE DEATHS IN CANADA FROM 1993 THROUGH 2010

Source: [AWCBC](#)



WORKPLACE DEATHS BY JURISDICTION IN 2010

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LEADING CAUSES OF WORKPLACE DEATHS

- 1 Exposure to harmful substances or environments
- 2 Transportation accident
- 3 Contact with objects and equipment
- 4 Falls
- 5 Bodily reaction and exertion
- 6 Fire or explosion
- 7 Assault or violent act

Source: *Five Deaths a Day: Workplace Fatalities in Canada, 1993-2005*

SAFETY RESOURCE

The **OHS Insider**, Canada's leading guide to OHS compliance and leadership, can help you keep your workers safe and healthy with [articles](#), [tools](#) and [webinars](#).



Every **15 seconds**, a worker dies from a work-related incident or disease and 160 workers have a work-related incident.

Source: ILO