

Worker Trapped in Shop Fire

Incident Date: November 22, 2024 / Location: Near Sundre, AB / Industry: Firefighting Services



AI Teaching Illustration. Conceptual shop-fire scene, not an exact reconstruction. Equipment, layout and fire appearance are illustrative; no ignition mechanism is established.

What Happened

The director of No Surrender All Terrain Fire Services and a family member returned to their shop near Sundre and saw smoke. They entered to use a water truck and small pump. A flare-up appeared at the mezzanine battery bank. The truck needed air pressure; the pump would not start.

The family member went outside to call 911 because there was no cell reception inside. On returning, they found the truck outside, an uncharged hose leading inside, and the shop engulfed in flames. Firefighters later found the director deceased inside. No one witnessed the director re-entering.

Why This Became Fatal

The director was inside a developing structural fire. OHS identified fire and explosion as the injury mechanism. **The fire began at the battery bank, but the ignition cause was undetermined.** Missing permits and inspections were findings, not an established cause of ignition.

NEVER FORGET.

LET THEIR STORY PREVENT RECURRENCE.

What Safe Looks Like

Evacuate, raise the alarm and keep people out.



1 Evacuate and Account

Move to a safe assembly point and account for everyone.

2 Call for Help

Call 911 from a safe place. Plan for poor phone reception.

3 Prevent Re-entry

Stay clear and leave structural-fire entry to emergency services.

AI Teaching Illustration. Safe-response concept; actual assembly distances depend on conditions. **LSR:** no direct match established. Focus: fire and emergency response.

Investigation Outcome

No charges were laid after OHS reviewed enforcement on July 9, 2025. Klis Electric committed to required electrical permits, solar-system single-line diagrams before installation, sharing diagrams and documenting scope changes. No Surrender had no employees or other registered directors. The summary reports no separate supervisor penalty.

Talk It Through with Your Crew

- 1 Where do we have similar shop, battery or stored-energy fire hazards?
- 2 Are permits, inspections and our emergency arrangements verified?
- 3 How will we call for help and account for people if phones fail inside?
- 4 What would make you stop, withdraw or refuse entry? Who would you tell?

SAFETY COMES FIRST.

Your Right to Refuse – Alberta. You may refuse work you reasonably believe presents an undue hazard: a serious and immediate threat. Promptly report the refusal and reasons to your employer or supervisor. They must investigate. Contact Alberta OHS if unresolved. Take reasonable care not to endanger others. You are protected from reprisal.

Sources: [Alberta OHS investigation OHS-313118](#), pp. 2-4, 14-15; summary completed 25 November 2025. [Alberta refusal guidance](#). Prepared October 19, 2026. LSR links are learning associations, not findings of a breach. Original content © 2026 100% Safety Inc.