

Churchill Falls Mines Rescue Volunteer Team

Mines Rescue Volunteers train to protect coworkers and support emergency response when it matters the most.

Some roles are about the job.

Some are about protecting those doing the job.

Become a Member Today!



Emergency Response | Highly Trained | Team Commitment

WHAT IS A MINES RESCUE TEAM?

Mines Rescue is a specialized emergency response team trained to respond to underground incidents such as fires, hazardous gas environments, and rescue operations.

Our team members are trained to operate in high-risk, oxygen limited environments using specialized breathing apparatus and rescue equipment.

We Safely Support

- Underground emergency response
- Rescue and recovery operations
- Hazardous atmosphere entry
- Emergency evacuation support
- Incident stabilization

Our Skilled Members

- Work in confined underground spaces
- Wear heavy protective equipment
- Carry rescue gear and equipment
- Operate in hot or low visibility environments
- Perform physically demanding rescue tasks
- Stay calm and work effectively in high pressure situations

Our Team

- Responds to underground emergencies
- Conducts search and rescue operations
- Assists with underground fire response
- Maintains communication with response teams
- Monitors hazardous gas environments
- Operates specialized rescue equipment
- Assists with casualty extrication and evacuation

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Hold a valid Class 5 driver's license
- Cleared for service through a standard medical assessment
- Be capable to work in physically demanding environments
- Be a permanent employee of NL Hydro residing in Churchill Falls

BENEFITS OF JOINING OUR TEAM

Advanced emergency response training

Hands-on experience with specialized rescue equipment

Strong teamwork and leadership development

The opportunity to protect coworkers and support underground safety

Being a part of an elite emergency response team

Each member receives a comprehensive insurance package

TRAINING COMMITMENT

Being an active member requires dedication and a strong commitment to training. Mines Rescue Teams must be ready to respond to high-risk situations where preparation and teamwork are critical. Regular training ensures that every team member is confident, capable, and ready to work safely as part of the rescue team.

Members must:

- Actively participate in training session throughout the year
- Attend a minimum of six legislated train sessions annually
- Ideally participate in monthly training exercise
- Maintain five hours per year of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) practice.

TRAINING PROVIDED

Rescue Operations

- Introduction to Mines Rescue
- Rescue based scenarios
- Search and Rescue procedures
- Extrication procedures

Underground Emergency Response

- Underground fire procedures
- Emergency response and team operations
- Mines rescue practices

Hazard Detection and Safety

- Gas detection methods
- Confines space training
- Fall arrest training

Equipment and Operations

- Auxiliary equipment operations
- Radio operations
- Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) training

Support Skills

- Basic firefighting skills training
- Standard First Aid

Our Mines Rescue Team relies on teamwork, discipline, and strict safety procedures.

MINES RESCUE IS A GOOD FIT FOR YOU IF:

- ✓ You are comfortable working in confined underground spaces
- ✓ You can commit to regular training
- ✓ You work well as part of a team
- ✓ You are prepared for physically demanding situations
- ✓ You want to develop advanced skills and contribute to safety of your coworkers

**READY TO APPLY?
Scan the QR Code**



Prefer a paper application?
Request one by emailing
fsecurity@nlh.nl.ca

What does a Mines Rescue Volunteer do?

Volunteers are trained emergency responders who assist during underground incidents such as fires, hazardous gas situations, and rescue operations. Team members may enter our underground facility using specialized breathing apparatuses, conduct search and rescue operations, monitor atmospheric conditions, and assist with casualty evacuation.

Can all genders apply?

Yes! We are committed to building a diverse and inclusive team. We believe that strength and diversity of the workplace reflects a strong Mines Rescue Team. All our permanent employees are encouraged to apply.

What if my work schedule conflicts with my ability to attend regular training?

NL Hydro supports employees who volunteer with Mines Rescue and their training requirements. To help us support these needs, we make every effort to balance members across all departments ensuring Supervisors can manage training absences without compromising work commitments.

How often are Mines Rescue Teams called for emergencies?

Emergency callouts are rare, but our team must always be prepared and ready. Most participation involves training and preparedness exercises.

Do I need previous rescue or firefighting experience?

No prior experience is required. We are looking for employees who want to contribute to the safety of their coworkers and their workplace. What matters the most is reliability, teamwork, and your commitment to training.

What if I cannot attend every training session?

We understand that attending every single training session throughout the year is not a reasonable expectation. That is why we offer multiple training opportunities every month. However, it is highly recommended that members participate in at least one training session per month.

Volunteers are required to attend a minimum of six legislative training sessions per year, plus maintain five hours per year of practice using a self-contained breathing apparatus.

What are the physical demands of being a volunteer?

Mines rescue work is physically demanding. Members may need to:

- Wear heavy breathing apparatuses and protective gear
- Work in confined underground spaces
- Carry equipment or assist with casualty evacuation
- Operate in hot or low visibility conditions

Why do members have to be a permanent employee of NL Hydro and reside in Churchill Falls?

Team members need to be available to respond quickly when emergencies occur, which requires them to be on-site. Regular training is also a critical component of maintaining a safe and effective rescue team. If members are not consistently on-site to train, the team's readiness and ability to respond safely and effectively could be compromised.

Mines Rescue Teams are legislatively required to maintain a minimum number of trained, active members. Reserving membership for permanent employees helps us ensure these requirements are met. Additionally, insurance coverage applies to actively working employees.

We recognize that non-permanent employees may be interested in joining our team. We genuinely appreciate your interest and thank you for your willingness to support.