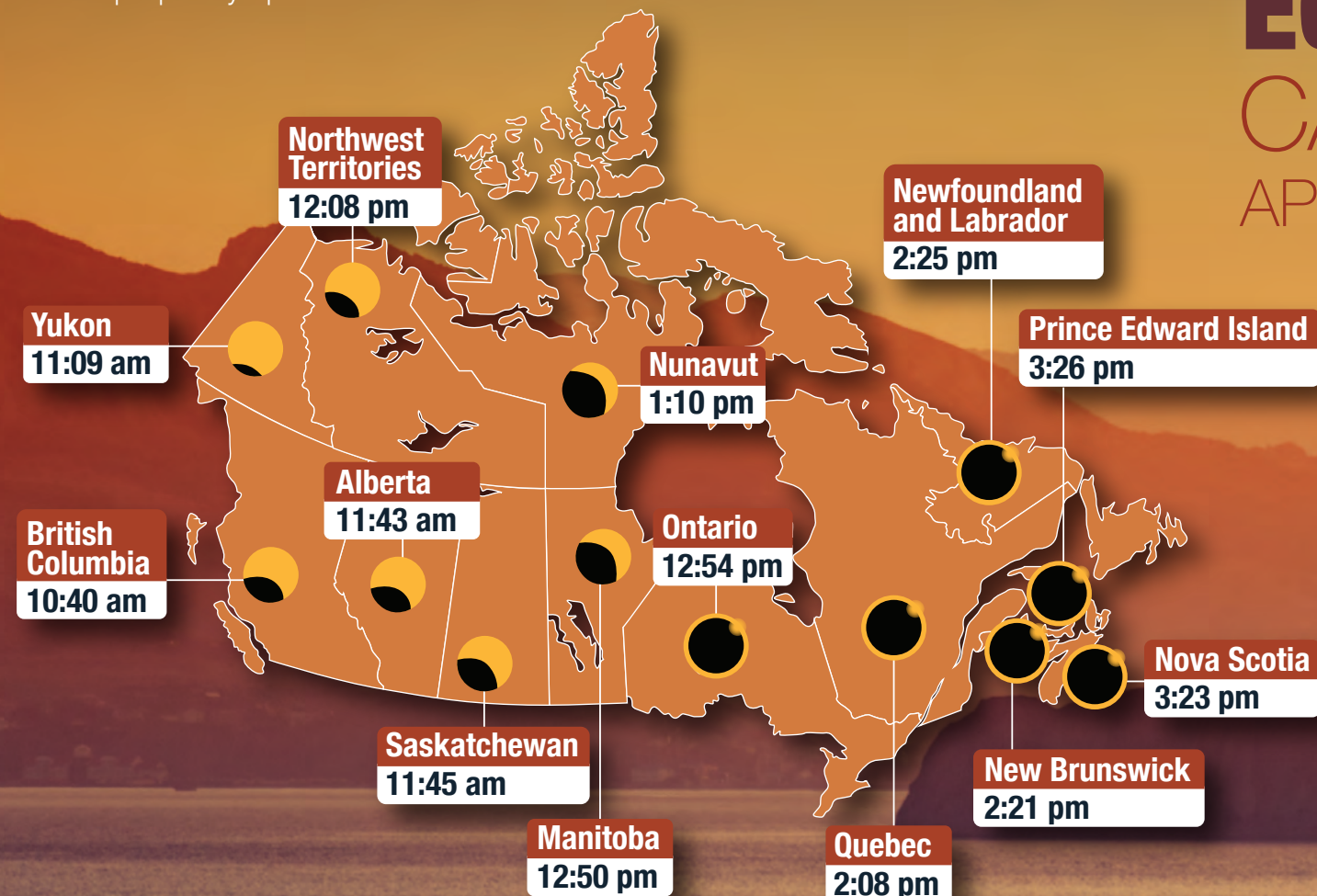


DON'T LET EXCITEMENT ECLIPSE SAFETY CONCERNS

On April 8, 2024, a spectacular and rare celestial event is set to unfold over Canada, the United States and Mexico – a total solar eclipse. In Canada, the solar eclipse's path of totality will pass through some cities and towns in Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, plunging them into darkness for a few minutes. People outside the path of totality will be able to observe a partial solar eclipse, during which the Sun is not hidden in totality.

AT WORK SAFETY TIPS

- Employees who work outdoors, or drive for work need to be prepared that April 8th is the solar eclipse and there will be an impact on their work environment – i.e. it will go dark for a few minutes.
- Provide additional lighting if necessary, during this short period of reduced daylight. Or scheduled work around the eclipse.
- Distracted driving will be at an all-time high during the eclipse, employees who operate mobile equipment outdoors (company car, forklift, etc.) must be on high alert of their surroundings. Do not attempt to look at the eclipse while driving.
- Any employees working from heights outdoors, i.e. on rooftops or exposed platforms, will likely be distracted during the eclipse, which may result in trips and falls. All employees working from heights **MUST** be tied off and using all required fall protection.
- If your workplace is planning eclipse gatherings or allowing employees added break time to go outdoors, ensure employees are aware of the hazards of watching the eclipse directly. You must also ensure that any employees attending a viewing event have proper eye protection.



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ON THE ROAD DURING AN ECLIPSE

- Do **NOT** stop or park on the side of the road or highway to view the eclipse. Exit the roadway and park in a safe area away from traffic to view the eclipse. Remember to follow safe viewing methods.
- Do **NOT** wear eclipse glasses while driving.
- Do **NOT** try to photograph or video the eclipse while driving.
- Keep headlights on.
- Be aware of increased traffic and pedestrians on roads.
- If you can, avoid travel during the eclipse or in the area of the main path.
- A solar eclipse is a rare and amazing celestial event. Enjoy it with caution!



OBSERVING SAFELY TIPS

- Use ISO-certified eclipse glasses from a reputable vendor that meet the ISO 12312-2 international safety standard. Regular sunglasses (even dark ones) will not protect your eyes sufficiently.
- Always inspect your eclipse glasses before use; if scratched, punctured, torn, or otherwise damaged, discard it. Always read and follow all directions that come with the eclipse glasses.
- If you normally wear eyeglasses, keep them on. Put your eclipse glasses on over them.
- Stand still and cover your eyes with your eclipse glasses before looking up at the bright Sun. After looking at the Sun, turn away and remove your glasses — do not remove while looking at the Sun.
- Do not look at the partially eclipsed Sun through an unfiltered camera, telescope, binoculars, or other device (phone camera), even with your eclipse glasses on.
- It is **NEVER** safe to look at a partial solar eclipse without proper safety equipment. During the very brief time the sun is in total solar eclipse it is safe to look at it, but do so with caution. The instant the moon begins to move off the Sun's face, you must go back to using safe viewing techniques.
- **NOTE:** Outside the path of totality, and throughout a partial solar eclipse, it is **NEVER** safe to look directly at the Sun without using eclipse glasses.
- If you notice discomfort to your eyes or changes to your vision after viewing the eclipse, consult your local optometrist or ophthalmologist as soon as possible.

** Due to their very dark nature, there is a commonly held misconception that welder's glass/helmets can be used to safely view an eclipse. In reality, there are simply too many variables that can make welder's glass unsafe.*