

MARCH 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

Prince Edward Island

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Workplace Violence

Jan 26: PEI will provide over \$120,000 in Violence Against Women Prevention Grants to 9 different community organization programs designed to support awareness, education and active measures to protect women and young girls from threats of violence.

Action Point: Use the extensive resources on the OHSI [Workplace Violence Compliance Center](#) to protect your workers from violence and harassment

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Feb 3: The federal government announced that it's giving PEI \$500,000 to establish crisis hotlines across the province to help prevent and provide support to victims of gender-based violence.

Workers Comp

Jan 1: The PEI workers comp benefits rate increased from 85% to 90% of an injured worker's net earnings wage loss benefit payments. The next benefit enhancement takes effect on July 1 when the cap on cost-of-living adjustments for long term benefits goes from 4% to 6% to account for changes to the Consumer Price Index.

Workers Comp

Feb 26: That's the deadline to comment on proposed changes to WCB rules ([POL-60](#)) on reopening an injured worker's claim due to recurrence of symptoms. Among other things, the changes clarify that "recurrence" warranting reopening means "a return of symptoms or conditions that are reasonably attributed a work-related injury from which the worker had previously recovered."

Workers Comp

Feb 28: That's the last day for PEI employers to submit their actual workers comp payroll data reports from 2022 to the WCB without risk of potential late fees, interest and penalties.