

OCTOBER 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

Prince Edward Island

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Material Handling

Aug 21: The PEI WCB issued a new [Hazard Alert](#) in the wake of a recent incident in which an articulated boom lift tipped over resulting in crushing injuries to 1 of the 2 workers in the basket of the boom. The Alert describes the hazards associated with articulated boom lifts and what can be done to manage them.

Action Point: Use the OHSI [cranes/hoists/lifting device compliance game plan](#) to avoid crane violations

Emergency Response

Aug 28: As hurricane season gets into high gear, PEI established a new Major Incident Response Team to work with the Emergency Measures Organization and government agencies on hurricane preparation, tracking and response. Meanwhile, the WCB issued [hurricane safety tips](#) for employers.

Action Point: Ensure that your company is [properly prepared for workplace emergencies](#)

Airborne Contaminants

Aug 30: With hurricane season and power outage risks coming to their peak, the PEI WCB issued new [safety tips](#) to help employers safeguard their workers from carbon

monoxide poisoning hazards, especially those that rely on portable generators to keep their businesses running.

Action Point: Take [measures](#) to protect your workers against carbon monoxide poisoning at work and at home

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Aug 23: A new WCB [Hazard Alert](#) warns of compressed oxygen cylinder dangers. Earlier this month, a worker preparing to use a plasma table at a manufacturing plant suffered injuries when the valve attached to an oxygen cylinder exploded. Luckily, the gas pack was properly stored on a skid secured to a metal frame or the incident would have been much worse.

Action Point: Implement an effective [Compressed Gases Safety & Compliance Game Plan](#) at your workplace

Environmental

Aug 24: Newly effective Renewable Energy Act regulations give the provincial government authority to issue permits for renewable energy developments, provided that the proper environmental impact assessments are undertaken.