

MAY 2024 MONTH IN REVIEW

New Brunswick

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Young Workers

Apr 30: Young workers, ages 15-24, face heightened risks of workplace injuries within their first 6 months of employment compared to the average Canadian worker, according to WorkSafeNB. Injuries among young workers in New Brunswick were prevalent in sectors like manufacturing, construction, finance, insurance, and retail.

Action Point: Find out how to implement a [new and young workers safety and compliance game plan](#)

Fire Safety

May 7: The Assembly tabled amendments to the *Salvage Dealers Licensing Act* to bolster safety and compliance at salvage sites. The proposed changes included requirements for fire safety plans and site layouts approval for license applications, along with increased penalties for violations. New ministerial authority was also proposed to temporarily suspend licenses and impose special conditions during non-compliance investigations.

Action Point: Use the resources on the [OHSI Fire Safety Compliance centre](#) to prevent fires and explosions at your workplace

Drugs & Alcohol

May 13: [New Brunswick Regulation 94-57](#), governing tobacco and electronic cigarette sales, underwent multiple amendments. Changes included replacing "vapour shop" with "electronic cigarette sales outlet" throughout the regulation, doubling fines to \$200, and updating regulations regarding purchase records of flavoring additives for electronic cigarettes.

Radiation

May 8: [The Act to Incorporate the New Brunswick Regulatory College of Medical Radiation Technologists](#) aims to establish regulatory standards for medical radiation technology in the province, that benefit both the public and practitioners. It proposed the formation of the New Brunswick Regulatory College of Medical Radiation Technologists, replacing the previous association, to govern and maintain standards in the field.

Action Point: Find out about [the 7 steps required to protect workers from radiation hazards](#)