

## FEBRUARY 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

# Manitoba

### LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OHS Enforcement

Dec 18: Since April 1, Manitoba has carried out 4,343 WSH inspections, resulting in the issuance of 229 Stop Work Orders and 7,170 Improvement Orders. There were also 7 reported OHS work refusals and 56 alleged reprisals.

**Action Point:** Implement an [OHS inspections policy](#) in case inspectors show up at your door

#### Drugs & Alcohol

Dec 16: Manitoba is expanding a program to help residents quit smoking via use of a Tobacco Quit Card and Counseling (TQCC) card that can be redeemed for \$300 worth of nicotine replacement medications (patches, gum, lozenges, inhaler and oral mist) at any pharmacy in the province, as well as counselling sessions with a health professional.

**Action Point:** Take 5 steps to [prevent workplace smoking](#) and avoid fines under smoke-free laws

#### Workers Comp

Feb 28: That's the deadline for Manitoba employers to submit their actual 2022 workers comp payroll figures to the WCB.

### CASES

**Fall Protection: Roofer Fined \$24,000 for Fall Protection Violation**

A worker clearing debris from the section of a roof where the guardrail had been temporarily removed fell 20 feet to the ground, resulting in rib and spinal fractures. The employer was fined \$24,000 for not providing proper fall protection [*Norwin Roofing Ltd.*, [Govt. News Release](#), December 28, 2022].

**Action Point:** Use the [OHSI Fall Protection Compliance Game Plan](#) to avoid similar violations at your site