

SEPTEMBER 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

# New Brunswick

## **LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Work Injuries**

Jul 18: According to WorkSafeNB's [2022 Annual Report](#), the lost-time injury claim rate remained at 1.2 per 100 workers, while lost time claims decreased from 4,273 to 4,229. There were 10 fatalities, a 3-year low. After dropping slightly last year, psychological injury claims spiked from 135 to 179. There were 10 OHS prosecutions resulting in \$225,650 in fines.

### **Mental Health**

Jul 11: New Brunswick launched a free new hotline (reachable at 1-866-355-5550) that residents with mental health and addictions issues can call 24 hours a day to speak to clinical therapists, registered nurses, social workers and other "care coaches."

### **Workers Comp**

Aug 8: WorkSafeNB began [public consultations](#) on whether to seek changes to the *Workers Compensation Act* that would make post-traumatic stress disorder presumptively work-related when diagnosed in a correctional officer after a work-related incident. The same presumption already applies to police officers, firefighters and paramedics.

**Action Point:** Find out about [workers comp coverage](#) of PTSD and mental stress