

MAY 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

Nova Scotia

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Work Injuries

Mar 16: In 2022, 24 Nova Scotia workers died of a work injury or illness, compared to 20 in 2021 and 32 in 2020, the WCB reported. Nine of the fatalities were due to acute traumatic injuries (vs. 5 in 2021 and 18 in 2020) and 15 were chronic due to illness or health issues (15/14).

Transportation Safety

Mar 31: [Bill 273](#), the *Road Trails Act*, establishing new safety rules for off-highway vehicles (OHVs) is through Second Reading and just 2 steps from passage. As under pilot program rules, all OHV riders would have to have a valid driver's licence, insurance, registration and a licence plate.

Workplace Harassment

Mar 28: Newly tabled [Private Member Bill 278](#) would ban Assembly members and political party professionals who've been accused of sexual assault or harassment from entering into nondisclosure agreements in resolving the case.

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

Workers Comp

Apr 6: Newly tabled [Private Member Bill 308](#) would add mine rescue workers to the list of occupations for which post-traumatic stress disorder is presumed to be a work-related injury for purposes of workers comp coverage.

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

Environmental

Mar 31: Third Reading for [Bill 269](#), which would extend the *Construction Projects Labour Relations Act* requirement that construction contractors and unions enter into collective agreements to prevent work stoppages to large-scale green hydrogen production facilities.