

JUNE 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

Saskatchewan

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Work Injuries

Apr 13: The Saskatchewan WCB reported that the 2022 time loss injury rate increased from 2.03 to 2.04 per 100 workers (184 more claims) while the total injury rate dropped 5% to 4.33. Total accepted claims fell 3.23% to 17,371, even though total workers covered jumped from 392,813 to 400,392. Sadly, fatalities increased from 31 to 39.

Incident Reporting

Apr 12: Be sure to use the newly [revised version of the Employer's Initial Report of Injury](#) (EI) form to report work injuries and submit workers comp claims to the Saskatchewan WCB.

Workers Comp

Apr 25: The Saskatchewan WCB revised its [Job Information Worksheet \(JIW\) form](#) for use in reporting a worker's work activities.

Accessibility

May 4: Third Reading for [Bill 103](#), *The Accessible Saskatchewan Act*, which would require government agencies, owners of public facilities and employers to implement plans to make their facilities and services more accessible to persons with disabilities.

Action Point: [Find out more](#) about how accessibility requirements affect your OHS program

Environmental

Sep 1: September 1st is the deadline to [submit feedback](#) on a consultation to tackle [textile waste](#), the fifth-largest category of plastic waste in landfills. The plan focuses on redesigning, reducing, reusing, repairing, and recycling textiles to reduce plastic microfibre pollution.

CASES

Powered Mobile Equipment: Employer Fined \$35,000 for Letting Unqualified Worker Operate a Forklift

A company received a \$35,000 fine after pleading guilty to failing to ensure that powered mobile equipment was operated by only trained operators in connection with an incident in which a worker suffered serious injuries as a result of falling on top of a septic tank. One other charge was dropped as part of the plea bargain [*Dunnigan Holdings Ltd.*, [Govt. Press Release](#), April 14, 2023].

Action Point: Implement the right [powered mobile equipment operation policy](#) at your workplace