

NOVEMBER 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

Saskatchewan

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**Industrial Challenges**

Sep 26: Saskatchewan Agriculture reminded producers to be on the lookout for anthrax in their animals in the wake of confirmed reports that a lab found the bacteria in the carcass of a dead cow located in RM of Cote #271. Two other cows in the same herd are also suspected to have died of anthrax.

Infectious Illnesses

Oct 10: Saskatchewan began providing free flu and COVID-19 shots at public health clinics, pharmacies and certain physician and nurse practitioner offices across the province. Residents can make an appointment to receive both vaccines at the same time.

Action Point: Use the [OHSI Infection Exposure Control Plan](#) template to prevent infectious illnesses at your workplace

Mental Health

Oct 6: Saskatchewan's newly released Action Plan for Mental Health and Addictions provides for the creation of 500 new addiction treatment spaces as well as a central intake system to improve accessibility and care services.

Transportation Safety

Sep 21: Saskatchewan Government Insurance extended reciprocity to 24 countries that use the same European driver's licence, allowing nationals from those countries to exchange their foreign driver's licence for a Saskatchewan Class 5 regular licence

without having to complete any testing or training: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.

Workers Comp

Sep 15: The Saskatchewan WCB published new [guidance](#) for employers on workers comp appeals and how to file them with the WCB Board Appeal Tribunal. The Fact Sheet also explains how the appeals process works.

CASES

Machine Guarding: Building Materials Company Fined \$56,000 for Printing Press Injury

A company that pled guilty to an OHS violation—failure to ensure the safe handling, transport and storage of building materials—was fined \$56,000 for an incident in which a worker suffered serious injuries from a printing press [*Ray Donn Toews Building Materials Ltd.*, [Govt. Press Release](#), September 22, 2023].

Action Point: Use the [OHSI machine guarding policy template](#) to prevent similar incidents at your workplace