

APRIL 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

Saskatchewan

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fire Safety

Feb 24: Saskatchewan published new Fire Safety [regulations](#) to incorporate accessibility requirements contained in the 2015 version of The National Fire Code of Canada and other laws with regard to carbon monoxide and smoke alarms.

Action Point: Go to the [OHSI Fire Safety Compliance centre](#) for resources you can use to prevent fires and explosions at your workplace

Workplace Violence

Feb 28: The federal government is providing Saskatchewan \$1 million to support crisis hotlines for victims of gender-based violence across the province. Crisis lines are often the first place victims go to report incidents and seek help. Nationwide usage of these lines has increased significantly since the COVID pandemic began.

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

Environmental

Mar 7: Saskatchewan and Alberta are teaming up in a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the federal government's decision to label single-use plastics "toxic substances" under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*. Trial begins today in Federal Court.

CASES

Material Handling: Crate Topple Results in Serious Injury and \$100,000 Fine

The City of Regina was fined \$100,000 after pleading guilty to an OHS violation—failure to make arrangements for the safe use, handling, storage and transport of materials resulting in a serious injury to a worker. The charge stems from an incident in which a worker suffered serious injuries when a 3,000-pound crate fell and pinned him against other crates in the area [*City of Regina*, [Govt. Press Release](#), February 15, 2023].

Action Point: Use the resources on the OHSI Material Handling [Compliance Center](#) to prevent similar injuries at your workplace