

SEPTEMBER 2024 MONTH IN REVIEW

# Prince Edward Island

## **LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Drugs & Alcohol**

Aug 22: The PEI WCB issued [new guidance](#) to help employers keep the workplace sober and prevent impaired workers from endangering co-workers, members of the public, and themselves. Key recommendation: Implement a workplace impairment policy.

**Action Point:** Use the [OHS Insider Substance Abuse Compliance Game Plan](#) to curb drug and alcohol use at your workplace.

### **New Laws**

Aug 28: PEI will begin phasing in the [Temporary Foreign Worker Protection Act](#) that it enacted in May 2022 but hasn't yet enforced, starting with mandatory licensing for employment agencies that recruit foreign workers, followed by implementation of the new foreign worker recruiter agency registry. Although [draft regulations](#) are in place, official effective dates haven't yet been announced.

**Action Point:** Find out more about your [OHS duties to protect temporary workers](#).

### **New Laws**

Sep 19: September 19<sup>th</sup> is the deadline [to comment](#) on proposed [regulations](#) that require employment agencies in PEI to be licensed to recruit temporary foreign workers in accordance with the new *Temporary Foreign Worker Protection Act*.

### **New Laws**

Aug 19: PEI received over \$9 million from the federal government under the Canada

Community Building Fund (CCBF) to be used for development of infrastructure across the province. PEI will receive a second CCBF payment of approximately \$9 million at the end of the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

### **New Laws**

Sep 1: The PEI Insulin Pump Program has been expanded to cover all medically eligible residents with type 1 diabetes, regardless of age. Previously, the program was open only to residents ages 25 or younger.

### **Environmental**

Aug 26: An updated government [report](#) offers further insight on how post-tropical storm Fiona affected the province's forests. Key findings: The storm affected 9.4% of PEI forests overall, with 23.3% of forests impacted located along the north shore. Because they were in full-leaf at the time of the storm, hardwood stands were slightly more affected than softwoods.