

SEPTEMBER 2024 MONTH IN REVIEW

New Brunswick

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Infectious Illness

Aug 22: An outbreak of Pertussis, aka whooping cough, has been declared for the entire province of New Brunswick. This is an expansion of the local outbreak for the Acadian Peninsula that was initially declared at the end of June.

Action Point: Use the [OHS Insider Infection Exposure Control Plan](#) template to guard against outbreaks at your workplace.

Workers' Comp

Aug 26: WorkSafeNB ended public consultations on proposed amendments to a pair of key workers' comp policies: [Policy 23-605 - Experience Rating System](#) and [Policy 23-600 - Setting Basic Assessment Rates](#). The agency is expected to finalize the policy changes this fall.

CASES

Fall Protection: Home Builder Fined \$30,000 for Fatal Fall from Icy Scaffold

The project lead at a New Brunswick residential construction site was killed after falling 28 feet from an icy scaffold. The victim's employer was fined \$30,000 after pleading guilty to not providing the instruction necessary to ensure a worker's safety [New View Design by Laurie Cole Inc., July 17, 2024].