

Prince Edward Island

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Machine Safety

March 23: A worker was recently killed after getting pinned between a dump truck's raised box and vehicle chassis. Contributing factors cited by the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB): i. the dump box was raised and not blocked or secured from lowering; and ii. the worker was positioned in the crush point between the raised box and chassis.

Action Point: Don't let this happen to you! Find out how to implement [effective rigging safety practices](#) to prevent crane, hoisting, and lifting accidents like the one that happened here.

New Laws

April 24: April 24 is the deadline for PEI non-profit organizations [to apply](#) for Interministerial Women's Secretariat Grant funding for projects that promote the legal, health, social, and economic equality of women and girls. Eligible project expenses include salaries and benefits, honoraria, professional fees, administrative costs (up to 15% of total budget), facility rental and utilities, office equipment, materials and supplies, publicity and promotion, and domestic (but not international) travel.

New Laws

Mar 30: PEI became the first province to lower the colorectal cancer screening age from 50 to 45. Residents age 45 to 74 at average risk will now be eligible for a fecal immunochemical test (FIT) every two years. Reducing the screen age will promote early detection and potentially save lives.

Workers' Compensation

May 3: May 3 is the deadline to comment on the WCB's new policy on Allowance and Reimbursement Rate Schedule ([POL-NEW](#)) and proposed changes to its policy for Workplace Inspections ([POL-53](#)).

Environmental

Mar 26: PEI and the federal government signed an agreement to implement a streamlined "one project, one review" approach to environmental assessment. Result: New projects such as energy transmission lines that cross interprovincial boundaries, airports, marine terminals and ports, and pipelines that would otherwise be subject to separate environmental assessment under both provincial and federal law will now only have to undergo a single assessment that addresses the environmental requirements of both jurisdictions.

Action Point: Find out more about [federal-provincial one project, one review environmental assessment agreements](#) and how they work.