

# Saskatchewan

## LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Work Injuries

Apr 15: For the third year in a row, Saskatchewan's time-loss injury rate reached an all-time low of 1.66 per 100 workers in 2025, as compared to 1.72 per 100 in 2024. Total injury rates dipped from 3.91 to 3.68 per 100 workers. Total injury claims accepted increased by 0.43% to 17,401 from 17,327.

### Work Injuries

Apr 5: The Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) reported that there were 27 workplace fatalities in Saskatchewan in 2025, the same number as 2024. Among last year's fatalities, 11 were due to occupational disease (eight were asbestos-related, two were firefighter cancer-related, and one was the result of chemical and radioactive material exposure) and 16 were from traumatic incidents (including five motor vehicle collisions, seven equipment contact and drowning, three heart attacks, and one suffocation).

### OHS Enforcement

Apr 10: Saskatchewan announced the re-establishment of a committee to provide the government with advice on labour relations, employment standards, and workplace safety laws and regulations.

### Seasonal Safety

May 5: The newly passed *Time Act* abolishes Saskatchewan's unique patchwork of local time standards in favour of a new regime that aligns Lloydminster and other communities that follow Mountain Standard Time in winter with the rest of the province in following Central Standard Time. Moreover, CST will be the standard throughout the year from now on. The Bill also provides for border communities who want to follow the time zone of a neighbouring province, such as Mountain time in Alberta.

**Action Point:** Studies show that workplace injuries increase during the first three working days after daylight saving time begins each spring due to lingering fatigue and disruption to circadian rhythm. Find out [how to help your workers adjust to daylight saving time changes](#).

### Fire Safety

May 5: Saskatchewan announced changes to the carbon monoxide (CO) alarm requirements in residential buildings. Referred to as "Henry's Law" after CO poisoning victim Henry Losco, the revised regulations make CO alarms mandatory in all residential suites regardless of their location in the building.

**Action Point:** Take [measures](#) to protect your workers against carbon monoxide poisoning at work and at home.

### New Laws

Apr 23: The *Saskatchewan Internal Trade Promotion Act* (Bill 24) providing for mutual recognition of goods and services entering the province from other Canadian provinces and territories passed Third Reading. The Bill is patterned after legislation recently adopted around the country in response to U.S. and Chinese tariffs.

### **New Laws**

Apr 13: The Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan announced a joint investment of more than \$25.9 million through the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) to develop or improve the essential water, wastewater, stormwater, and solid waste infrastructure needed to enable the construction of up to 29,370 housing units in Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, and Regina.

### **New Laws**

Apr 30: Prairies Economic Development Canada (PrairiesCan) announced that it will invest over \$7.9 million to support private sector development of AI in Saskatchewan, including \$3.7 million to Co.Labs to expand its Expert and X-in-Residence programs and enhance agtech programming. The remaining \$4.2 million will go to Coconut Software Corporation, Vendasta Technologies Inc., HomeTeam Live Technologies Inc., the University of Regina, and Artificial Intelligence Saskatchewan Corp.

### **New Laws**

Apr 24: PrairiesCan will invest more than \$8.2 million in federal Regional Defence Investment Initiative (RDII) funding in three Saskatchewan projects, including: i. \$5 million to Parkland Welding & Machine Ltd. and PWM Hydraulics Ltd. (PWM) for deploying Computer Numerical Control machining and robotics; ii. \$3 million to the Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute to create an advanced military engineering and testing facility for off-road and on-road heavy-vehicles; and iii. \$277,000 to Saskatchewan Polytechnic's Digital Integration Centre of Excellence (DICE) to develop and test a low-cost multi-agent AI drone system for autonomous command and control.

### **Drugs & Alcohol**

May 5: The Assembly passed Bill 48, *The Compassionate Intervention Act*, allowing for addicts to receive treatment against their will at the request of family members made through the court. The legislation also authorizes law enforcement personnel to get a medical professional referral or court warrant to involuntarily bring individuals whose substance use is putting their own life or the lives of others at serious risk to a Compassionate Intervention Assessment Centre.

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

### **Workers' Compensation**

Apr 27: The Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) issued a new one-page [guidance](#) sheet on how to create, open, and use an online workers' compensation account.

## **CASES**

### **Training: Safety Training Violation Costs Power Line Company \$70,000**

A power line construction company was fined \$70,000 after pleading guilty to failing to provide required safety information, instruction, training, and supervision resulting in serious injury to a worker. The victim in this case was injured while working on a power pole. One OHS charge was dropped as part of the plea bargain [*Hundseth Power Line Construction*, [Govt. Press Release](#), April 9, 2026].

**Action Point:** Avoid fines like these by implementing an [OHS Safety Training Records & Documentation Compliance Game Plan](#).