

Newfoundland & Labrador

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Laws

Jun 2: Landmark new legislation took effect that lays the legal groundwork for the Governments of Canada and Newfoundland to work together to foster the development of offshore renewable energy in the province.

Industry Challenges

May 16: Newly published [changes](#) to the *Public Safety Act* that allow the Newfoundland Chief Inspector of Amusement Rides and Elevating Devices to authorize private contractors and their mechanics to inspect amusement rides and elevating devices will take effect on January 25, 2026. Owners of these rides and devices will have to submit a written report to the Chief Inspector as part of the annual process for renewing a device's certifications. After reviewing the report, the Chief Inspector will either renew the device's certificate or follow up with an in-person inspection.

Training

Jun 9: Newfoundland launched a new project offering low-cost digital OHS training to small construction companies. The Empower Learning will provide self-paced and self-directed training enabling construction firms to offer safety training programs that are otherwise only offered in-person during standard work hours.

Action Point: Find out about [the 11 ways you can use](#) Artificial Intelligence to improve workplace safety and OHS compliance.

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May 30: To make life more affordable for residents, Newfoundland announced that it will officially eliminate its consumer tax on sugar sweetened beverage tax, effective July 1, 2025.

Environmental

Jun 5: The Canadian Food Inspection Agency confirmed the detection of Dermo (Perkinsosis) in oyster samples from Notre Dame Bay. Although it doesn't pose a risk to human health, Dermo may increase mortality and decrease growth rates for oysters. The federal and provincial governments are working to limit the spread of the disease and protect Newfoundland's valuable oyster crop.