

JULY 2024 MONTH IN REVIEW

# Newfoundland and Labrador

## **LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **New Laws**

Jul 29: Newfoundland significantly increased the rates it pays to funeral homes to provide services to low-income individuals. New Funeral Assistance Benefit rates: up to \$5,000 for a funeral and \$1,500 for additional expenses; and \$1.25 per km beyond 8 kms for transportation costs.

### **New Laws**

Jul 22: The federal government announced that it will provide over \$8.5 million in AgriAssurance Program funding to support different dairy farm projects in Newfoundland.

### **Health & Safety**

Jul 12: Effective October 15, 2024, operator safety training will be mandatory for off-road vehicle users under 16, first-time registrants and those with suspended or cancelled registrations due to convictions under the *Off-Road Vehicles Act*.

### **Health & Safety**

Jul 19: Newfoundland's lost-time injury rate dropped 13% to a historic low of 1.3 per 100 workers, according to WorkplaceNL's 2023 Annual Performance Report.

Industries with the highest rates: fish processing (3.0), fish harvesting (2.9) and agriculture (2.5); industries with the lowest rates: finance, insurance and real estate (0.1), mining, oil and gas (0.5) and service (0.9).

**Action Point:** Find out [how to create a vibrant safety culture](#) at your organization