# OHS Enforcement — 2023 Year in Review



# **MANITOBA**

### LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Dec 18:** Since April 1, Manitoba has carried out 4,343 WSH inspections, resulting in the issuance of 229 Stop Work Orders and 7,170 Improvement Orders. There were also 7 reported OHS work refusals and 56 alleged reprisals.

Action Point: Implement an  $\underline{\mathsf{OHS}}$  inspections policy in case inspectors show up at your door.

**Jan 22:** Since April 1, 2022, Manitoba has carried out 4,796 WSH inspections, resulting in the issuance of 240 Stop Work Orders and 7,805 Improvement Orders. There were also 7 reported OHS work refusals and 56 alleged reprisals.

**Action Point:** Implement an <u>OHS inspections policy</u> in case inspectors show up at your door.

**Feb 12:** Since April 1, 2022, Manitoba has carried out 5,179 WSH inspections, resulting in the issuance of 251 Stop Work Orders and 8,586 Improvement Orders. There were also 8 reported OHS work refusals and 57 alleged reprisals.

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Mar 19: Since April 1, 2022, Manitoba has carried out 5,745 WSH inspections, resulting in the issuance of 271 Stop Work

Orders and 9,690 Improvement Orders. There were also 9 reported OHS work refusals and 62 alleged reprisals.

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**Apr 16:** Since April 1, 2023, Manitoba has carried out 141 WSH inspections, resulting in the issuance of 10 Stop Work Orders and 353 Improvement Orders. There were also 2 reported OHS work refusals and 1 alleged reprisal.

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May 14: Since April 1, 2023, Manitoba has carried out 632 WSH inspections, resulting in the issuance of 39 Stop Work Orders and 1,456 Improvement Orders. There were also 2 reported OHS work refusals and 2 alleged reprisals.

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**Jun 25:** Since April 1, 2023, Manitoba has carried out 1,401 WSH inspections, resulting in the issuance of 90 Stop Work Orders and 3,036 Improvement Orders. There were also 2 reported OHS work refusals and 7 alleged reprisals.

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**Jul 16:** Since April 1, 2023, Manitoba has carried out 1,752 WSH inspections, resulting in the issuance of 116 Stop Work Orders and 3,705 Improvement Orders. There were also 2 reported OHS work refusals and 11 alleged reprisals.

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**Sep 24:** Since April 1, 2023, Manitoba has carried out 3,007 WSH inspections, resulting in the issuance of 196 Stop Work Orders and 5,965 Improvement Orders. There were also 4 reported OHS work refusals and 23 alleged reprisals.

Action Point: Implement an <a href="OHS inspections policy">OHS inspections policy</a> in case

inspectors show up at your door.

**Oct 30:** Since April 1, Manitoba has carried out 3,547 WSH inspections, resulting in the issuance of 194 Stop Work Orders and 5,782 Improvement Orders. There were also 5 reported OHS work refusals and 44 alleged reprisals.

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# **ONTARIO**

#### LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mar 30: Second Reading for <u>Bill 79</u>, Working for Workers Act, 2023, proposing to increase the maximum fine for a corporation convicted of an *OHS Act* violation from \$1.5 million to \$2 million, which would be the highest in Canada. Last year, Ontario raised maximum OHS fines to \$500,000 for individuals and \$1.5 million for corporate directors.

**Action Point:** Look up the <u>maximum OHS penalties</u> in each part of Canada

May 8: <u>Bill 79</u>, the *Working for Workers Act, 2023*, proposing to increase the maximum fine for a corporation convicted of an *OHS Act* violation from \$1.5 million to \$2 million, which would be the highest in Canada, is through Second Reading and will likely pass. Last year, Ontario raised maximum OHS fines to \$500,000 for individuals and \$1.5 million for corporate directors.

**Action Point:** Look up the <u>maximum OHS penalties</u> in each part of Canada

**Sep 26:** The Assembly passed <u>Bill 79</u>, *Working for Workers Act*, 2023, increasing the maximum fine for a corporation convicted of an *OHS Act* violation from \$1.5 million to \$2 million, among the highest in Canada. The move comes just one year after Ontario raised maximum OHS fines to \$500,000 for individuals and \$1.5 million for corporate directors.

**Action Point:** Look up the <u>maximum OHS penalties</u> in each part of Canada

# **SASKATCHEWAN**

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Mar 15: WorkSafe Saskatchewan, the WCB and Ministry of Labour Relations published a new 5-year <u>strategy</u> for reducing workplace injuries and fatalities focusing on 3 high-risk sectors: health care, transportation and construction. Priorities: asbestos; motor vehicle crashes; firefighter exposure to cancer; and vertical falls.

May 17: Newly passed <u>Bill 91</u> clarifies that OHS officers have the authority to take photos and recordings when inspecting the workplace and exclude a person from an investigation interview if there's a perceived conflict of interest, in which case the excluded person would nominate a replacement to attend the interview.

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