

MARCH 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

Nunavut

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19

Jan 31: Nunavut officially closed down its COVID-19 Hotline citing the decline in calls and cases. Those with COVID questions should now go to the GN's [COVID-19 webpage](#).

Fall Protection

Dec 21: The WSCC issued a reminder to employers to guard against slips, trips and falls, noting that they account for 1 in 5 of all lost-time workplace injuries in Northwest Territories and Nunavut. The notice lists good housekeeping practices for reducing risks.

Action Point: Use the [OHSI Fall Protection Compliance Game Plan](#) to prevent fall injuries and OHS violations at your site

Workers Comp

Feb 28: That's the last day for Nunavut employers to submit their workers comp payroll reports and data for 2022 to WSCC without incurring potential 2% late fees, interest and penalties.

CASES

Cold Stress: Three Companies Charged for Machine Operator's Ocean Death

While operating heavy machinery on a winter ice road near Bathurst Inlet, the ice broke plunging the worker and machine into the chilly ocean waters below. It was

an incident that the worker failed to survive. And now the WSCC has charged 3 companies with multiple OHS and Mine Health and Safety Act violations stemming from the tragedy, including failure to implement safe work practices and provide the necessary safety training and information [*Sabina Gold and Silver Corp., Matrix Aviation Solutions Inc., Matrix Kitikmeot Ltd.*, [WSCC News Release](#), January 20, 2023].

Action Point: Implement an effective [cold stress compliance game plan](#) at your workplace