

MAY 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

# Northwest Territories

## **LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Fire Safety**

Mar 30: Royal Assent for [Bill 67](#), which amends the *Fire Prevention Act* to prevent money damages lawsuits against fire officials, authorize the Fire Marshal to delegate their duties and powers and create a new process for appealing the Fire Marshal's plan review orders.

**Action Point:** Go to the [OHSI Fire Safety Compliance centre](#) for resources you can use to prevent fires and explosions at your workplace

### **Transportation Safety**

Apr 13: [Comments](#) ended on proposed *Motor Vehicles Act* regulatory changes that would require employers to install electronic logging devices in commercial vehicles of 4,500 kg or more to ensure that drivers comply with Hours-of-Service safety rules designed to prevent driver fatigue.

### **Mental Stress**

Mar 20: Despite moderate declines in 2022, medical visits related to anxiety are still above pre-pandemic levels. Those are among the findings of a new GNWT [report](#) analyzing the long term social impacts of the public health measures it implement during the pandemic to prevent the spread of COVID.

## Environmental

Mar 30: The Assembly passed legislation ([Bill 60](#)) to revise the GNWT's carbon tax system with the federal "backstop," or minimum stringency standards. The tax on carbon dioxide equivalent emissions will increase to \$65 per tonne in 2023 and eventually rise to \$170 per tonne by 2030.