

APRIL 2024 MONTH IN REVIEW

Northwest Territories

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ergonomics

Apr 5: The WSCC issued [new guidance](#) for employers and workers on ergonomics and how to avoid musculoskeletal disorders and ergonomic injuries. According to the WSCC, the 3 industries in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut with the highest incidents of ergonomic injury are: i. Government organizations; ii. Retail industry and personal care workers; and iii. Construction and trades.

Action Point: Find out how to implement an [Ergonomics and Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention and Compliance Game Plan](#) at your workplace

Drugs & Alcohol

Apr 25: That's the final day for GNWT residents to participate in [surveying](#) assessing the level of public awareness, accessibility and user satisfaction with mental wellness and recovery services provided in the territories.

Action Point: Use the [OHSI Substance Abuse Compliance Game Plan](#) to curb drugs and alcohol at your workplace

Workers Comp

Mar 31: The WSCC ended public consultations on policy changes that the Council will review at its upcoming governance meeting in June. Affected policies: Policy 03.10,

Chronic Pain; Policy 04.02, Medical Aid and Associated; iii. Policy 09.08, Occupational Health and Safety Legislative Advisory Committees; and iv. Policy 10.01, Doubtful Accounts and Write-Offs.

Environmental

Mar 28: The GNWT issued a what-we-heard report summarizing the feedback it received during last fall's public consultations on its energy and climate strategies. The 4 key things participants said they wanted: i. Higher 2030 emissions reduction targets and set new targets for beyond 2030; ii. A greater role for Indigenous governments and utilities; iii. Guards against increases in energy costs; and iv. Deployment of emerging technologies like liquid biofuels or hydrogen.