

DECEMBER 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

# Northwest Territories

## **LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **New Laws**

Dec 7: The new Assembly elected R.J. Simpson, the MLA from Hay River North, to be the next premier of the Northwest Territories. Métis in origin, Simpson is a veteran who has served on the Assembly for nearly a decade. The territory follows a consensus-style government in which members run as independents and choose the premier and cabinet members among themselves by secret ballot.

### **Emergency Response**

Nov 7: The 8-1-1 suicide help service has been merged with the NWT Helpline and Quitline. **Result:** Residents can now access all 3 programs 24/7/365 using just the 811 number to get free trauma-informed support for mental wellness, addictions recovery and tobacco cessation from a registered nurse. Adding the number “4” after 811 will provide access to poison control.

**Action Point:** [Ensure your workplace emergency response policy](#) accounts for the disabled

### **Workers Comp**

Nov 27: WSCC announced that it's keeping average workers comp assessment rates at \$2.40 per \$100 assessable payroll for the fifth year in a row. Of the 16 employer subclasses, 2024 rates will decrease for 10, increase for 5 and stay the same for 1. The Year's Maximum Insurable Remuneration is increasing from \$107,400 to \$110,600.