

FEBRUARY 2024 MONTH IN REVIEW

Northwest Territories

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Protection

Jan 9: WSCC issued new [guidance](#) to help employers prevent workplace slips, trips and falls. Injuries from these incidents accounted for nearly 1 in every 5 workers comp claims filed in Northwest Territories and Nunavut over the past 2 years, the agency stresses. Risks are highest in winter when snow and icy conditions are present.

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

Workplace Violence

Dec 20: The Northwest Territories/Nunavut Council of Friendship Centres will receive \$615,000 from the federal government to implement their Gender-Based Violence Awareness and Training Workshops project as part of the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence.

Action Point: Find out how to implement an effective [domestic violence prevention and response policy](#) at your workplace

Emergency Response

Dec 20: The Northwest Territories will receive an advance payment of \$84.3 million

from the federal Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA) program to support assistance and recovery activities in response to the 2023 wildfires. The 2023 wildfire season was the worst in recent memory, forcing nearly 70% of the NWT's population to evacuate.

Action Point: Ensure your workplace emergency response policy accounts for the disabled

Workers Comp

Jan 1: In 2024, the daily meal and incidental expenses allowance for injured workers in Northwest Territories will be \$28.10 for breakfast, \$34.10 for lunch, \$72.95 for dinner and \$17.30 for incidentals. Different rates apply for travel outside the NWT.

Workers Comp

Jan 9: WSCC reminded employers in the Northwest Territories to submit their workers comp Annual Payroll Report by February 28. You should receive a mailed package from the agency well in advance of the deadline; contact your assessment representative immediately if you haven't received the APR package.