

MAY 2024 MONTH IN REVIEW

Yukon

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Work Injuries

Apr 22: The Workers' Safety and Compensation Board reported that there were no confirmed workplace fatalities in Yukon in 2023. However, 687 workers suffered work-related injuries with 380 of them needing time away from work to recover.

PPE

Apr 9: PPE that's tailored to men and doesn't properly fit women and nonbinary people were among the safety topics Yukon's Labour Minister discussed with his counterparts across the country during the Canadian Association of Administrators of Labour Legislation meeting. The Ministers agreed to raise the issue with manufacturers, employers and workers in their jurisdictions.

Action Point: Find out why [standard PPE leaves women workers exposed to injury risk](#)

Infectious Illnesses

May 3: [The Government of Yukon urged high-risk individuals, following guidelines from health authorities, to get a COVID-19 booster this spring to get a COVID-19 booster this spring.](#) Eligible groups included those aged six months to 64 years with chronic conditions, residents in long-term care, and individuals aged 65 or older. Healthy individuals aged six months and older, who had their last shot six months ago, were also eligible. Those recently recovered from COVID-19 were advised to wait six months before vaccination.

Action Point: Find out whether [workers comp covers COVID-19 infection](#)

Environmental

May 6: [The federal government is investing over \\$45 million to combat landslides on the Whitehorse Escarpment in Yukon](#), affected by climate change. This funding will safeguard critical areas, including the Erik Nielson Whitehorse International Airport and Robert Service Way, a key route to downtown Whitehorse. Measures include relocating roads, regrading slopes, and enhancing anti-erosion efforts to boost community resilience and maintain essential access.