

OCTOBER 2024 MONTH IN REVIEW

Nunavut

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radiation Safety

Sep 24: Section 349 of the *OHS Regulations* lists the credentials a worker must have for employers to require or permit them to perform ionizing radiation installation or use ionizing radiation equipment. Newly effective [regulatory changes](#) revise the list by adding “a duly qualified medical practitioner or nurse practitioner, with specialized training in radiography.”

Action Point: Find out how to implement an effective [Ionizing Radiation Safety and Compliance Game Plan](#) at your site.

Infectious Illnesses

Sep 26: The GN will provide free RSV immunization vaccinations to all newborns at birth and infants under 12 months of age, starting in late October. Previously, the program was open only to infants at high risk for severe disease. The Department of Health is also planning to launch a maternal RSV vaccination program for mothers some time in the future.

Action Point: Use the [OHSI Infection Exposure Control Plan](#) to protect workers from infectious disease.

Ergonomics

Oct 1: The WSCC issued new [guidance](#) warning against the risks of twisting incidents that occur when workers carry heavy items. Occupations at the highest risk include mine labourers, janitors, caretakers, building superintendents, and heavy equipment operators, according to the guidance.

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

Workers' Comp

Oct 1: Effective today, businesses in the territory must submit the new Certificate of Compliance form certifying their compliance with the *Workers' Compensation Act* to receive a municipal business licence in Nunavut. The form must be submitted each year by October 1st.