

Yukon

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OHS Enforcement

Apr 1: Under its new [policy](#), the Yukon Workers Safety and Compensation Board (WSCB) will impose administrative monetary penalties (AMPs) from \$1,000 to \$20,000 for OHS violations depending on seriousness of the offence and whether it's a first, second, or third/subsequent violation. The agency will also publish names of company who receive AMPs. Effective date: June 1.

Action Point: Find out about the current [Administrative Monetary Penalty rules](#) for OHS violations across Canada.

Injury Reporting

Apr 1: Starting June 1, Yukon employers who violate their OHS duties to report workplace injuries to the WSCB will be subject to AMPs under the agency's new monetary penalties regime. The WSCB issued a [new policy](#) explaining how AMPs for incident reporting will work.

Action Point: Find out how to implement a legally sound [Incident Reporting Compliance Game Plan](#) at your site.

Environmental

Mar 30: Yukon passed legislation ([Bill 2](#)) to repeal the *Clean Energy Act* to preserve its badly strained energy grid. The repeal puts an end to the electric vehicle mandate, emissions targets, and other initiatives that increased electricity demand across the territory. The government will also review policies, programs, and subsidies, including tax rebates, that incentivize electrification on a strained grid that can't sustain additional pressure.

Drugs & Alcohol

Apr 2: The Assembly passed but hasn't yet proclaimed [Bill 3](#) authorizing the Yukon Government to join the Canada-wide class action against companies that produced and sold opioid products. Led by British Columbia, the lawsuit is seeking billions of dollars in damages for the health and financial harms inflicted by addictive opioids.

Action Point: Find out how to use the [OHS Insider Substance Abuse Compliance Game Plan](#) to curb drugs and alcohol at your workplace.

Young Workers

Mar 12: Yukon launched a new Student Training and Employment Program for trades offering wage subsidies for hiring high school students for summer jobs enabling them to gain hands-on experience and practical skills in high-demand jobs. Students will earn at least \$18.51 per hour from the employer, with \$7.20 per hour subsidized by the government. Hours worked will count towards credits for high school graduation as well as apprenticeship if students become a registered apprentice in an applicable trade. Deadline [to apply](#): April 24.

Return-to-Work

Apr 1: Yukon employers who violate their workers' compensation [duty to cooperate](#) with and [reemploy](#) workers seeking to return to work from a work injury will now be subject to AMPs under the WSCB's new penalties regime, starting June 1.

Action Point: Find out how to implement a legally sound [Return to Work Compliance Game Plan](#) for injured workers.