

Northwest Territories

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Protection

Dec 20: The WSCC published new OHS [guidance](#) to help employers in Northwest Territories and Nunavut prevent workplace slip, trip, and fall incidents. The winter months are the peak season for fall injuries, with risks in the north highest among manufacturing, retail, construction, and government workers.

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

Industry Challenges

Dec 15: Newly published Northwest Territories [regulations](#) under the *Boilers and Pressure Vessels Act* establish a \$100 fee for registering the design of a boiler, pressure vessel, or fitting where no survey is conducted by the chief inspector.

New Laws

Dec 12: The Governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories signed a new agreement that will provide \$2 million in funding for local homeless shelter operators in the territories. The GNWT will match federal funding of \$1 million over 2 years.

Drugs & Alcohol

Dec 13: The GN proposed a settlement agreement in its decades-old litigation with the tobacco companies under which the latter would provide \$32 billion to create a fund that will be used to compensate individual smokers and support the public healthcare system and cancer treatment research. The GN said it's prepared to continue the lawsuit if the tobacco companies reject the proposal.

Action Point: Take 5 steps to [prevent workplace smoking](#) and vaping and avoid fines under smoke-free laws.

Workers' Comp

Feb 28: February 28, 2025 is the final day for employers in the Northwest Territories

to submit their 2024 workers' comp Annual Payroll Report to the WSCC. 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.

Workers' Comp

Jan 1: The WSCC's Daily Meal and Incidental Allowances for injured workers in Northwest Territories in 2025 will be: \$19.16 for breakfast (\$15.95 for travel in Canada or the US outside Northwest Territories or Nunavut), \$31.94 for lunch (\$19.69), \$39.72 for dinner (\$33.86), and \$17.30 for incidentals (\$17.30).