

Nunavut

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Incident Reporting

Apr 10: Employers required under OHS laws to file High Hazard Work Notifications before undertaking projects, tasks or new work posing high risk to workers must do so via the WSCC Connect tool. There'll be a one-year grace period to transition from the existing notification process to the new online tool. The 7 categories of high hazard work on WSCC Connect are: i. Quarry, Crushing, or Blasting; ii. Powerline Construction or Maintenance; iii. Earthworks, Excavation, or Road Construction; iv. Sandblasting; v. Demolition or Renovation; vi. Commercial or Residential Construction; and vii. Radiation.

Action Point: Use the <u>OHS Insider policy template</u> to create a legally sound incident investigation and reporting policy for your workplace.

Infectious Illness

Apr 2: The Department of Health reported that the outbreaks of tuberculosis (TB) declared in Pangnirtung, Pond Inlet, Naujaat and Arviat are ongoing. Pangnirtung remains the biggest TB hotspot with 47 individuals diagnosed with active TB and 223 with new latent TB between January 2021 and March 26, 2025.

Action Point: Use the <u>OHS Insider Infection Exposure Control Plan</u> template to guard against TB, measles, COVID, and other potential infectious illness outbreaks at your workplace.

Ergonomics

Apr 3: The WSCC published <u>new guidance</u> to help employers implement effective ergonomics measures to prevent musculoskeletal injuries and comply with OHS requirements. According to the agency, the 3 industries with the highest incidents of ergonomic injuries in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut are: Government organizations, Retail industry, personal care workers, and Construction and trades. **Action Point:** Find out how to implement an <u>Ergonomics and Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention and Compliance Game Plan</u> at your workplace.

Emergency Response



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Mar 11: The Nunavut Assembly passed <u>Bill 65</u> amending the *Income Tax Act* to make search and rescue volunteers eligible for the current volunteer firefighter tax credit.

