

Northwest Territories

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Machine Safety

Jun 25: The WSCC published new guidance to help employers prevent “struck-by” injuries, which occur when a worker makes contact with a moving object, tool, or piece of equipment. Such incidents are most common among construction, mining, and carpentry workers.

Action Point: Find out how to prevent struck-by injuries by implementing a legally sound [Machine Guarding Compliance Game Plan at](#) your workplace.

Industry Challenges

Jun 12: The days of free rent on government-owned oil and gas development lands held under onshore Significant Discovery Licences (SDLs). The GNWT began charging companies that hold SDLs rental fees of \$8.00 per hectare, due on March 31, 2026, with rates to increase each year. The new rental fees apply to all onshore SDLs issued since 2000 and all new SDLs issued going forward.

New Laws

Jul 15: The WSCC’s OHS Funding Program is now accepting applications from non-profit and for-profit services that offer services to help employers in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut improve workplace safety and comply with OHS laws. Applicants can request funding of \$5,000 to \$250,000 per project. Deadline [to apply](#): September 8.

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Jul 2: The federal government announced new Low Carbon Economy Fund support for a pair of projects in the Northwest Territories, including \$2.3 million to improve energy efficiency and low carbon heating at Denendeh Manor in Yellowknife, and \$4.6 million for ground-mounted solar installation kits to Inuvialuit-owned cabins in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.