

# Northwest Territories

## LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Transportation Safety

Dec 3: The GNWT [reports](#) that there were 532 reported collisions in the Territories in 2024, most of which occurred during the winter months of November to March. Driver error accounted for 71% of collisions and environmental factors accounted for 4%. There were traffic 2 fatalities in 2024, which is lower than the 35-year average.

**Action Point:** Find out how far you can go in [disciplining workers for distracted and dangerous driving](#).

### Workplace Violence

Oct 31: Northwest Territories passed [Bill 27](#) creating a new tort of “stalking,” defined as conduct that causes a person to reasonably fear for their safety, including conduct carried out by electronic means. The Bill gives stalking victims the right to sue for money damages and seek protective orders.

**Action Point:** Use the OHS Insider [Assessment Questionnaire template](#) to uncover potential stalking, harassment, and bullying problems at your workplace.

### Workers' Compensation

Nov 19: The WSCC announced that it's keeping average workers' compensation assessments at \$2.40 per \$100 assessable payroll in 2026. That's the second highest rate in Canada, trailing only Nova Scotia at \$2.65. Rates will decrease for 9 employer subclasses and decrease for 7. The 2026 Year's Maximum Insurable Remuneration will increase from \$112,600 to \$116,000.

**Action Point:** Find out how much each province and territory is charging for [workers' compensation premiums in 2026](#).

### Workers' Compensation

Dec 31: December 31, 2025 is the deadline for business owners, partners, registered directors, and owners of a sole proprietorship in Northwest Territories [to apply](#) for Personal Optional Coverage providing the same workers' compensation benefits as a worker would get for a workplace injury. You can apply for coverage from 1 to 12 months.

