

# Nunavut

## LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Drugs & Alcohol

Dec 19: December 19, 2025 is the deadline for Nunavut hamlets, local, and regional organizations in [to submit](#) one-time funding proposals for community-led projects to reduce the harms of tobacco, vape, and cannabis use and promote heart-healthy activities in the territory.

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

### Animal Safety

Nov 28: The GN reminded the public not to approach or feed wildlife, including polar bears. The danger is that the animals will become reliant on humans and aggressive in searching for food. Polar bears are especially dangerous and unpredictable, so people need to keep a healthy distance and harvesters shouldn't leave carcasses or hunting remains that may attract polar bears to come into their communities.

**Action Point:** Find out [how to protect](#) your outdoor workers from polar bears and other dangerous wild animals.

### Workers' Compensation

Nov 19: The WSCC announced that it's keeping average workers' comp 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 is increasing from \$113,900 to \$117,300.

**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 Nunavut [to apply](#) for Personal Optional Coverage providing the same workers' comp benefits as a worker would get for a workplace injury. You can apply for coverage from 1 to 12 months.