

DECEMBER 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

# Northwest Territories

## **LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Labour Standards**

Oct 30: [New ESA regulations](#) broaden the definition of nurses exempt from the ESA to include not just registered nurses, nurse practitioners and temporary certificate holders but also: i. licensed practical nurses or temporary certificate holders; ii. registered psychiatric nurses or temporary certificate holders; and iii. registered psychiatric nurse authorized prescribers or temporary certificate holders.

### **New Laws**

Nov 7: The 811 service has been merged with the NWT Helpline and Quitline. **Result:** Residents can now access all 3 programs 24/7/365 using just the 811 number to get free trauma-informed support for mental wellness, addictions recovery and tobacco cessation from a registered nurse. Adding the number “4” after 811 will provide access to poison control.

### **Workers Comp**

Nov 27: WSCC announced that it's keeping average workers comp assessment rates at \$2.40 per \$100 assessable payroll for the fifth year in a row. Of the 16 employer subclasses, 2024 rates will decrease for 10, increase for 5 and stay the same for 1.