

JUNE 2024 MONTH IN REVIEW

Yukon

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discrimination

Jun 12: Yukon updated the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity policy, SOGI 123, in schools in an effort to promote [diversity and inclusion](#) and ensuring a safe environment for all students regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Action Point: Find out how to implement a legally sound [sexual orientation and transgender discrimination policy](#) at your workplace

Drugs & Alcohol

Jun 17: The federal government issued draft regulations enabling Yukon to participate in a nationwide coordinated taxation framework imposing a 12% increase to excise duty rates for vaping products designed to curb consumption of vaping products by young people. Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, PEI, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Northwest Territories and Nunavut have also or soon will participate in the arrangement.

Action Point: Find out how to [effectively control substance abuse](#) at your workplace

New Laws

Jun 19: The provincial government reported mixed weather [affecting wildfire](#) conditions. Central Yukon was dry, but the north and south remained less dry due to past rainfall. Warmer, dry weather this week was expected to increase fire danger and lightning-started wildfires. Predictions for mid-July indicated a relatively normal summer. Yukon had 24 wildfire crews ready, including 10 from the government and 14 from Yukon First Nations. Firefighting resources were shared through Canadian and international agreements, with no current out-of-territory deployments.

Health & Safety

Jun 17: The provincial government Blood Ties Four Directions Centre expanded the [Healthy Meals program](#) in Whitehorse to combat food insecurity. Upgraded kitchen facilities allowed for lunch and dinner services seven days a week. Expanded lunch services started in June 2024, with full in-house lunch and dinner services by late summer and fall. The program is designed to provide higher-quality meals and create employment opportunities, address food insecurity and improve support services in downtown Whitehorse.