

Nunavut

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Health & Safety

Oct 2: The Government of Nunavut (GN) reports that it's making "steady progress" toward its goal of eliminating tuberculosis (TB) by 2030. During the first three quarters of 2026, there were 32 active TB cases reported in seven communities. Meanwhile, outbreaks in Arviat and Nauyasat remain ongoing.

Action Point: Find out how to create a legally and clinically sound workplace [Exposure Control Plan](#) to protect your employees against the risk of TB and other infectious illnesses.

New Laws

Oct 2: The federal government announced that it will invest more than \$77 million to build a new, multi-use small craft harbour for Arctic Bay, Nunavut. Construction began in August 2026 and will continue until 2029, with the harbour anticipated to be operational by the open-water season of 2030. The construction contract was awarded to Pilitak Enterprises Ltd. of Iqaluit and includes an Inuit benefits plan to support local training and employment.

Health & Safety

Oct 1: The Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission (WSCC) published new [data](#) on lifting and twisting incidents to workers while carrying heavy items. The three occupations in Northwest Territories and Nunavut with the highest risk for such incidents: i. Janitors, caretakers, and building superintendents; ii. Air transport ramp attendants; and iii. Construction trades helpers and labourers.

Action Point: Find out about the [5 keys of implementing an effective ergonomics program](#) to prevent musculoskeletal injuries at your workplace.

Drugs & Alcohol

Oct 15: The GN began online surveying asking residents for suggestions on its upcoming alcohol awareness campaign. The deadline to complete the online [Alcohol Questionnaire](#) is November 21.

Action Point: Find out how to implement an effective [fitness for duty policy to control substance abuse](#) at your workplace.

Workers' Compensation

Oct 1: The WSCC rolled out an Employer Support team to improve service delivery for businesses across Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. Available through *WSCC Connect*, the team will provide employers with a single point of contact and offer immediate assistance with general questions and account management, such as navigating online services, business registration, obtaining a clearance, and submitting payroll.