

Northwest Territories

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Laws

Apr 22 The GNWT implemented relief measures to prop up the struggling diamond mining sector, including doubling the number of local diamond valuations in 2025–2026, temporarily reducing the general mill rate for Class 4 – Minerals, and returning carbon tax contributions to Ekati and Gahcho Kué mines. Diamond mining makes up roughly 20% of the Territories' GDP.

Drugs & Alcohol

Apr 23: The GNWT launched a new [web page](#) to inform and educate residents about illegal drug use in the Territories. Resources on the site include information on accessing Naloxone kits to save the lives of overdose victims and links to addiction support services.

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

Health & Safety

Apr 10: Northwest Territories employers required under OHS laws to file High Hazard Work Notifications before undertaking projects, tasks, or new work posing high risk to workers must now do so via the WSCC Connect tool. There'll be a one-year grace period to transition from the existing notification process to the new online tool. The 7 categories of high hazard work on *WSCC Connect* are: i. Quarry, Crushing, or Blasting; ii. Powerline Construction or Maintenance; iii. Earthworks, Excavation, or Road Construction; iv. Sandblasting; v. Demolition or Renovation; vi. Commercial or Residential Construction; and vii. Radiation.