

Nunavut

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Laws

Oct 21: The GN extended the deadline [to apply](#) for the Inuit Tourism Business Mentorship Program to November 15. The Program offers training to Inuit tourism business owners and operators in Nunavut with mentorships providing up to 10 days of in-person and 4 to 6 months of virtual training.

Health & Safety

Oct 1: Roughly 1.2% of all injury claims submitted to the WSCC in 2024 were due to lifting and twisting incidents, according to the agency's [new safety bulletin](#). Industry sectors and occupations cited as being at high risk include janitors, caretakers, and building superintendents, air transport ramp attendants, and construction trades helpers and workers.

Action Point: Find out [how to create a vibrant workplace health and safety culture](#) at your company.

Drugs & Alcohol

Oct 20: The GN issued a public service announcement warning that breathing in second-hand smoke, even for a short time, can cause health problems and increase the risk of asthma, lung infections, heart disease and complications during pregnancy. The *Tobacco and Smoking Act* bans smoking, vaping, and cannabis in many public and shared spaces, including vehicles with children under 19 and within 9 metres of building entrances, stairs, ramps, windows and air intakes.

Action Point: Find out how to comply with [workplace smoking laws](#).

Workers' Comp

Sep 18: The Nunavut Assembly passed [Bill 57](#) amending the *Workers' Compensation Act* to replace the pension system for permanent impairment with compensation based on loss of earning capacity. The legislation also provides for a one-time noneconomic loss benefit for permanent impairment.