



NORTHWEST TERRITORIES AND NUNAVUT  
SAFETY ACT  
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS  
INTERPRETATION

1. In these regulations,  
“dangerous occurrence” means an occurrence that does not result in, but could have resulted in an accident causing serious bodily injury, such as
- (a) structural failure or collapse of
    - (i) a structure, scaffold, temporary falsework or concrete formwork, or
    - (ii) a tunnel, caisson, coffer dam, trench, excavated shaft or excavation,
  - (b) failure of a crane or hoist or the overturning of a crane or powered mobile equipment,
  - (c) accidental contact with an energized conductor,
  - (d) bursting of a grinding wheel,
  - (e) uncontrolled spill or escape of a toxic, corrosive or explosive substance,
  - (f) premature or accidental detonation of explosives,
  - (g) failure of an elevated or suspended platform, or
  - (h) failure of an atmosphere-supplying respirator; (événement dangereux)

**PART 1**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Giving Notice to Chief Safety Officer

3. (1) Where these regulations require a notice to be given to the Chief Safety Officer, the notice must be in a form approved by the Chief Safety Officer
- (2) Notice is deemed to have been given under subsection (1) when the notice is actually received by the Chief Safety Officer.
- (3) In the case of a notice required by subsection 7(1) or (2), an employer shall give notice by telephoning a safety officer and, in addition, give notice in the manner set out in subsection (1).

**PART 2**

Dangerous Occurrences

9. (1) An employer shall, as soon as is reasonably possible, give notice to the Chief Safety Officer of a dangerous occurrence that takes place at a work site, whether or not a worker sustains injury.
- (2) The notice given under subsection (1) must include
- (a) the name of each employer, principal contractor and owner at the work site;
  - (b) the date, time and location of the dangerous occurrence;
  - (c) the circumstances related to the dangerous occurrence; and
  - (d) the name, telephone number and facsimile number of the employer or a person designated by the employer to be contacted for additional information.
- (3) An employer shall provide a copy of the notice required by subsection (1), without the names of the workers involved, to the Committee or representative.

**PART 3**

GENERAL DUTIES

Investigation of Certain Accidents

28. (1) Subject to section 29, an employer shall ensure that an accident causing serious bodily injury or a dangerous occurrence is investigated as soon as is reasonably possible
- (a) by the Committee and employer or by the representative and the employer; or
  - (b) if no Committee or representative is available, by the employer.
- (2) After the investigation of an accident causing serious bodily injury or a dangerous occurrence, an employer shall, in consultation with the Committee or representative or, if no Committee or representative is available, the workers, prepare a written report that includes
- (a) a description of the accident or occurrence;
  - (b) graphics, photographs, video or other evidence that could assist in determining the causes of the accident or occurrence;
  - (c) identification of unsafe conditions, acts, omissions or procedures that contributed to the accident or occurrence;
  - (d) an explanation of the causes of the accident or occurrence;
  - (e) a description of the immediate corrective action taken; and
  - (f) a description of long-term actions that will be taken to prevent the happening of a similar accident or dangerous occurrence, or the reasons for not taking action.