



## Proposed Amendments to the [Northwest Territories](#) and [Nunavut](#) Occupational Health and Safety Regulations

1. Amendment to the Current Section 81 – Smoking on a worksite  
The revised section would clarify employer’s responsibilities and confirm a requirement that workers are not permitted to smoke on a worksite.
2. Revision to Section 81 to also prohibit electronic cigarettes and vaporizers at a worksite.
3. Correction to Schedule C – List of High Hazard Work  
The reference to swilling is an error. The word should be “sawmilling”. In addition, the schedule should also include other types of work such as confined spaces.
4. Revisions necessary to clearly establish a connection between first aid supply/system requirements and High Hazard Work.
5. Revision to section 198(4) to clarify how to ensure the safe control of aerial devices or elevating work platforms when not in use.
6. Revisions to the definition of “powered mobile equipment” to more clearly indicate which equipment is covered under this definition.
7. Revisions to section 55(b) to clarify the workplaces exempt from this section.
8. Revisions necessary to extend the current requirement of employers to maintain written training records to all workers. This does not change the requirements for training in any way; it would simply require the maintenance of written records of any training provided.
9. Addition of a requirement to have and maintain pressure gauges on compressed gas systems and any other system where the requirement is necessary.
10. Addition of provisions requiring a worker to have and wear hearing protection when using an explosive-actuated fastening tool.
11. Addition of specific provisions addressing trip hazards.
12. Addition of specific provision requiring a worker to wear a seat belt in situations already identified in the Regulations, as well as clarification to the term “use” in the seat belt provisions currently in the Regulations (for example, in section 167).
13. Addition of specific provisions for workers to use appropriate and undamaged electrical extension cords.
14. Amendment of current section 16(2) to clarify that a supervisor must ensure a worker is complying with the general duty to work safely, as well as any specific legislative requirements.
15. Revisions to section 29 requiring preservation of the scene of an accident causing serious bodily injury, as well as accidents causing death.
16. Re-categorizing the removal of drywall material where asbestos joint filling compounds have been used from Part C of Schedule X: Low Risk Asbestos Processes to Part B of Schedule X: Moderate Risk Asbestos Processes.
17. Addition of unplanned or uncontrolled fire to the definition of Dangerous Occurrences.
18. Revision to anchor strength requirements such as those listed in section 122(4) to require a higher ultimate load capacity of 22.2 kN.