



*Renewable Resource Harvesters are people who hunt, fish, gather, or trap.*

*The Workers' Safety & Compensation Commission (WSCC) works with the governments of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut to deliver the Renewable Resource Harvesters' Program.*

**If you get hurt while harvesting, the WSCC may be able to help.**

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**safety & care**

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## Workers' Compensation law says you are a Harvester if you:

- Hunt, fish, gather, or trap and most of your livelihood comes from this activity.

AND

- You live in the Northwest Territories and have a General Hunting Licence, or if you are a beneficiary under a land claims agreement.

OR

- You live in Nunavut and have a General Hunting Licence, or if you are a beneficiary under the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*.

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## If I get hurt harvesting, what do I need to do?

- Go to the nursing station or hospital as soon as you get back to town.
- Tell the nurse or doctor you were hurt when you were hunting, fishing, gathering, or trapping.
- Go and see the Renewable Resource or Wildlife Officer in your community.

They will help you fill out a form called a *Harvester's Report of Incident*.

**It is important to fill out this form as soon as you can.**

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## What happens then?

- The Renewable Resource or Wildlife Officer will send the form to the Workers' Safety & Compensation Commission (WSCC).
- The WSCC will determine if you qualify for the program. You must generate at least 25% of your gross income, including \$7000 for country foods, from hunting, fishing, trapping, or gathering activities.
- The nurse or doctor will talk to the WSCC about your injury.
- The WSCC will consider if you qualify for benefits. Benefits may include money, medical treatment, and other services.
- You may receive benefits from the WSCC until you are well enough to go back to harvesting.
- If a harvester is killed while harvesting their family may get a pension. That means their family will get money every month from the WSCC. The WSCC will also help pay for a funeral.

### What if I get hurt at home?

The WSCC only pays if you are hurt when you are harvesting, or on your way to and from harvesting.

### What about my equipment?

The WSCC doesn't pay for any equipment like boats, guns or snowmobiles.

## Mission Statement

*In partnership with stakeholders, we ensure workplace safety, and care for workers.*