

Safety & Care

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Keeping Workers who Work at Heights Safe

Every year in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, workers suffer serious injuries because of falls from heights. A serious or fatal injury could occur if a worker falls from a height of 3 metres or more. Falls are a particularly serious problem in the construction industry.

The WSCC has zero tolerance for fall protection regulation violations. If the WSCC observes a violation at a worksite, it will shut the worksite down and could take further action. The courts can also levy fines under the NWT and NU Safety Acts. Employers could face a fine up to \$500,000, and workers could face a fine up to \$50,000.

Tips and Guidelines

Fall protection equipment

All workers in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, who work at heights of 3 metres or more, without standard guardrails, must wear CSA approved fall protection equipment. This includes all work done on roofs by structural steel erectors, framers, and similar tradespersons, regardless of the pitch of the roof.

You can prevent falls:

- Plan and implement a fall protection program;
- Make sure all scaffolds are built to code;
- Make sure you securely cover all floor openings; and
- Maintain a good housekeeping program.

For more information on fall protection, refer to: Sections 103-109 of the NWT and Nunavut *Occupational Health & Safety Regulations*.

