

Please forward this to the individual managing your WCB issues.

EAB Website: www.labour.gov.bc.ca/eao **Related Websites:** www.labour.gov.bc.ca www.worksafebc.com

For further information on the Employers' Advisers Branch or to subscribe/unsubscribe to this newsletter call **1-800-925-2233**

WCB Evolves to WorkSafeBC

Evolution of the WCB of BC's identity to WorkSafeBC is quickly moving forward. While the Workers' Compensation Board will remain the legal name, WorkSafeBC will be the name used on a day-to-day basis. Scott McCloy, Director of Communications at WorkSafeBC indicates, "it more effectively embodies our focus on prevention, customer service, and return to work." Look for the new logo appearing this summer.



Top Five Causes of Work-Related Injury Claims

1. Strains - (Not back strains) 31%
2. Back Strains 24%
3. Cuts 11%
4. Contusions 11%
5. Occupational diseases 6 %

In 2004 71% of work-related injuries involved males and 29% females. There were 134 work-related fatalities.

WCB Assistance is a Phone Call Away

Staffed with WCB specialists, the Employers' Advisers are ready to assist employers in all areas of Workers' Compensation:

- Claims
- Appeals
- Assessments
- Occupational Health & Safety



For assistance, advice, education (seminars) and representation where there is merit at no cost to employers call an office near you at the toll-free numbers listed below.

Regulation Now Available on Mini - CD



THE NEW WCB MINI CD HAS MANY FEATURES:

It's searchable. With both search and browse functions, the CD allows users to access all regulatory information quickly and easily, regardless of their familiarity with the Regulation.

It runs on almost any personal computer. Designed to operate on computers running Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher, the CD does not require any software installation. Just load it and use it.

It's comprehensive. The CD contains excerpts and summaries of the Workers Compensation Act. The CD also contains the Regulation, WCB standards, related policies and guidelines, and PDF versions of key health and safety publications such as Breathe Safer, Back Talk, and WHMIS at Work.

Visit www.worksafebcstore.com to place your order. Price is \$3.00.

Do You Need to File a Notice of Project?



The OH&S Regulation requires that employers notify the WCB in writing about the undertaking of certain projects. The Notice of Project form allows employers to notify the WCB that a project is to take place during a specified period. The specific requirements and information provided, such as the notice period and location for each project type, are determined by the specific Regulation section. Check the Chart below to see what applies to your business. A Notice of Project can be completed on-line at www.worksafebc.com in the Employer/Small Business Centre section or at your nearest WorkSafeBC Office.

Project type	Amount of Notice Required
Construction (OH&S Regulation 20.2)	At least 24 hours required
Asbestos or Lead (OH&S Reg. 20.2 (1)(c))	At least 24 hours required
Forestry other than a silviculture project lasting 5 days or less (OH&S Reg. 26.4)	Notice required before starting
Diving (OH&S Reg. 24.9(1)(a) to (f))	At least 24 hours notice required
Aircraft Operations (forestry) (OH&S Reg. 29.16)	At least 2 weeks notice required
Underground Workings (OH&S Reg. 22.6)	At least 30 days notice required