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Claims Management Solutions



On May 11, 2009, WorkSafeBC launched a new online Claims Management Solutions (CMS) system to streamline and manage the claims process more effectively, and improve service to customers.

WorkSafeBC advises CMS will result in faster case handling and claim payments, more support for injured workers, and less administrative work for employers and service providers.

Employers will need a user ID and password to view pre-filled injury reports online. To get an ID today, go to [Log on/sign up](#). After May 11, employers with a user ID and password can go to [Report injury or illness](#), select "Enter and submit Form 7" and then access their firm's pre-filled Form 7s, (Employers' Report of Injury). It is strongly advised that all employers review the information on the Form 7 to ensure it is correct and complete.

Form 7's can still be faxed to WorkSafeBC, but employers can also enter and submit Form 7 details online. WorkSafeBC states submitting the [Form 7](#) online provides greater accuracy and accelerates decision making. To submit a form online, simply go to [Report injury or illness](#), and follow the instructions.

Did you know???



Workers and Employers can continue to buy safety eyewear, footwear, head protection, hearing protection, and gloves exempt from PST. In addition, the exemption for gloves is clarified and expanded to include any gloves with built-in safety features like reinforced thumbs, cuffs, or palms that protect the wearer from physical injury.

General safety items like first-aid kits, child-restraint car seats, portable fire extinguishers, and life jackets continue to be exempt from PST for everyone.

To read more, visit the Government of British Columbia's [Safety Equipment and Protective Clothing website](#).

WorkSafeBC – Violations “The 11 Deadly Sins”

OHS violations on the list set out below are considered “the 11 deadly sins” in the eyes of WorkSafeBC. Penalties will be considered by WorkSafeBC based on evidence showing a violation of the Regulation posed a high risk of injury to workers. Always ensure that your workers are not at high risk of an injury.



- 1) Working in an excavation over four feet deep without adequately supporting or sloping the sides of the excavation or adopting other safeguards allowed by the regulations.
- 2) Working within the specified minimum distances from unguarded overhead energized high voltage electrical conductors without complying with the requirements of the regulations.
- 3) Working on equipment that is not locked-out when required.
- 4) Permitting workers to be exposed to situations or conditions that are immediately dangerous to life or health.
- 5) Permitting inadequately protected workers to be exposed to conditions that are likely to cause a chronic health effect.
- 6) When operating mobile equipment:
 - a. failing to have rollover protective structures (ROPS) on equipment where required by the regulations,
 - b. failing to install or use seat belts where required by regulation.
- 7) Failing to fell all dangerous trees as required by the regulations.
- 8) Using domino falling procedures.
- 9) Leaving cut-up trees.
- 10) Failing to take appropriate measures to control the fall of trees, for example, not leaving sufficient holding wood, carelessly cutting off corners of holding wood, not placing the backcut higher than the undercut, failing to use wedges or failing to have wedging equipment immediately available.
- 11) Permitting workers, other than the faller and other persons permitted by the regulations, to be within the minimum distance of two tree lengths of the tree being felled.