

WCB ALERT

(Workers Compensation Board)

Did you know?

That when you experience a workplace injury, or near miss, it is important to complete a **W1** (WCB employee's report of injury).
(You can do this online @ wcb.sk.ca or get a copy of the W1 from your Employer).

It is also essential that you complete an incident report with your supervisor. Even if you have no lost time, if you experience an injury/illness or near miss, this should all be reported to your employer. This will assist you in establishing a claim with WCB and will support your case should your claim be denied. If you do not report the injury to your supervisor, WCB can deny your claim.

And when doing so...

Include all of the areas that are causing a problem.
For example - if you have injured your back, and, when you move, your neck also hurts, include that in your report. WCB may deny your claim if the back injury and neck injury are not included on your initial injury report (W1) or the Employer can dispute that this was a work related injury, directly with the WCB, and this may impact the decision.

Be sure of the details...

Your Employer can appeal your claim if there is a discrepancy in your details and their records. The WCB can also deny your claim based on misinformation. **Always be as accurate as possible.**

If your current injury can be linked to a pre-existing injury your claim may also be denied. It is important to document all incidents that cause a flare-up of an existing condition or if you develop a repetitive strain injury. Remember to keep good records of all communications that are related to your injury/claim. Also, it is a good idea to keep a copy of all documentation that you provide to WCB or your Employer.

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