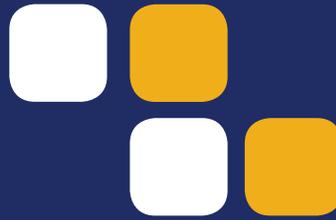


Work Comp Connection

September 2012 Newsletter



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Fraud and Abuse

The Fraud and Abuse section was created in 1994 to combat fraudulent activities by claimants and abusive practices by respondents. This section is responsible for the investigation of alleged violations of the Workers Compensation Act.

If a violation of the act is discovered, the section is willing to pursue the administrative remedies. In certain cases, the section may ask a county or district attorney to file criminal charges.

Reports of fraud come into the Fraud and Abuse section from many sources:

- Kansas Insurance Department
- Insurance companies
- Employers and employees
- Anonymous tips
- General public

For more information visit the website at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/fraud.aspx. You may also call the section at 785-296-4000, toll free 800-332-0353 or email wcfraud@dol.ks.gov.

New Topeka Phone

Number: 785-296-4000

All Topeka Workers Compensation phones have switched to an automated system with options for each service. The other Topeka phone numbers are no longer in use. If you know an employee's extension call the number above, dial 0 and the extension.



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You may continue to call toll free 800-332-0353.

Coverage and Compliance

The Compliance section monitors and assists employers to ensure that they fulfill two requirements under the Workers Compensation Act. The two requirements are to secure workers compensation benefits for employees and file written reports of alleged work accidents.

Failure to secure workers compensation benefits or to report accidents can result in monetary penalties against the employer. Failure to secure workers compensation benefits can also result in the closure of the business.

Generally, an employer in a non-agricultural business with more than \$20,000 in non-family payroll must secure workers compensation benefits for its employees. An employer can secure workers compensation benefits in one of the following ways:

- Purchase workers compensation insurance
- Join a group-funded workers compensation pool
- Qualify as a self-insurer

For more information on self-insurance, go to www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/acnt.aspx. Call the section at 785-296-4000, toll free at 800-332-0353 or email wselfinsurance@dol.ks.gov.

New Law Book Coming Fall 2012

Check for availability at:
www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/Default.aspx

Includes the new Workers Compensation Act of 2011 and all regulations.

Who's Working for You?



Robert Soria has worked in the Technology and Statistics unit for six years. Robert is the principal author and lead analyst for the division's *Annual Statistical Report* and the *Kansas Closed Claims Study*. He also assists with the management of the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) system.

Robert will give a presentation on Electronic Data Interchange at the 38th Annual Workers Compensation Seminar on October 2.

Soria is a graduate of Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Statistics. He is also a Certified Kansas Public Manager by the Kansas University Public Management Center. Robert is currently enrolled in the Master's Program in Public Administration at the University of Kansas and is scheduled to graduate in May of 2013.

Fast Facts: Research and Applications Section

If you are an injured worker, attorney, insurance carrier or employer, you can request records or file an application for a hearing or settlement.

Complete the corresponding forms found online at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/frmpub2.aspx under the *Hearings and Settlements* or *Request for Records* sections.

Bringing WC to You

Would you like a staff member to make a presentation to your group? Topics include: fraud and abuse, general issues and training, coverage and compliance, medical services and fee schedule, Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and self-insurance. For details, visit www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/speaking.aspx.

Email Article

  **Suggestions to**
 **wc@dol.ks.gov**

Download Handouts

Available 8:00 a.m. September 18
to 4:00 p.m. October 16

www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/seminar.aspx

Confirmation Number Required

Handouts will not be provided on site

The 2012 Workers Compensation Seminar is October 2 and 3 at the Overland Park Convention Center.

The focus of the seminar is the new law, one year later. Topics include: causation, temporary total disability to maximum medical improvement, psychological injuries, pain management and post award medical.

Another important topic is the implementation of IAIABC Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Release 3 Standards beginning April 2013. All insurance carriers, group pools and self-insurers will be required to use EDI to file both First and Subsequent Reports of Injury using the Release 3 Standards.

Registration and extra lunch tickets for this year's seminar will not be sold at the door. Both may be purchased ahead of time at the seminar website.

The luncheon on day one will feature "Safety Culture" presented by Bryan Chance, Safety Director, UCI Construction Company, Wichita. Chance will discuss his company's safety and health system which won the 2011 Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star-Mobile Workforce award.

38th Annual Work Comp Seminar

October 2-3, 2012

Overland Park Convention Center

www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/seminar.aspx

Registration ends Sept. 24

Two Day\$140

Single Day..... \$100

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