

Work Comp Connection



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DigiComp November Update

In the October 2015 DigiComp Planning Project Update, we gave details about Web accounts versus email and how they will be utilized within the new system. The November topic is the use of an online “availability polling” tool for scheduling purposes. Like Web accounts, this tool will be a great benefit to both internal and external users, providing a more efficient and timely way of scheduling hearings, meetings, etc.



Getting everyone on the same page is hard enough with just five other coworkers, let alone 50 new volunteers you may have never met. An online scheduling tool can be invaluable for coordinating a large event like volunteer training as well as a small event like a monthly meeting with the board.

Online scheduling tools can be used to find a date and time to meet with multiple people. An example of an online schedule tool is “Doodle.” First you open up www.doodle.com and suggest dates and times for your event participants to choose from. Then Doodle creates a polling calendar that can be sent to participants for feedback. As each participant selects the dates and times from the polling calendar that he or she is free, Doodle compiles the responses and tells you which option works best for everyone. Our new system plans to use a “Doodle-like” tool to assist with scheduling.

What is Doodle and how does it work? Clicking this link will take you to the Doodle support center and you will be able to view an introduction to using Doodle. This will give you an idea of how online scheduling tools function.

We are testing such a tool to better identify the functions and features we need for scheduling hearings. The Lenexa office staff will be our test pilot; they will start using Doodle in January 2016 to schedule regular hearings. We expect to find that it will bring increased effectiveness and efficiency to all users.

The DigiComp Team will continue to provide monthly updates on the status of our project and details regarding the new system. The next topic we will address is focus groups. In the upcoming weeks the communication team is looking into hosting focus groups to learn questions and concerns from fellow employees.

We welcome any questions or input, which can be sent to DigiComp@dol.ks.gov.



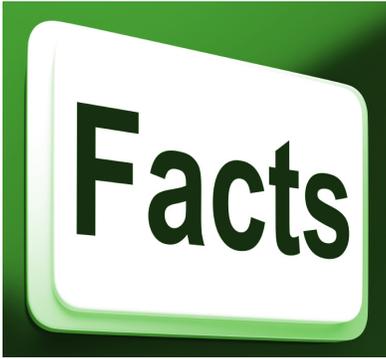
The Division's Spanish Interpreter

Rosalio Cardona works as an Ombudsman/Claims Advisor. He is the Division's point of contact for describing death benefits to those who have lost family members in job-related accidents. He also helps with written translation of agency materials into Spanish and assists claimants, employers, attorneys, physicians and insurance agents with information about job-related injuries and illnesses.

To find out more, contact the Ombudsman at WC@dol.ks.gov.

*Planning for the 2016 seminar will begin soon.
Send your ideas for topics and speakers to
wcseminar@dol.ks.gov.*





Fast Facts

- **Annual Statistical Report** – The Workers Compensation 41st Annual Statistical Report for Fiscal Year 2015 will be available shortly. Be sure to monitor future issues of the *Work Comp Connection* for details.
- **Past Continuing Education Documentation** – Depending on your occupation, it could be several years before you need to report continuing education documentation for credit purposes. Certification documentation from past Workers Compensation Seminars can be reissued up to five years from the date attended. Contact WCSeminar@dol.ks.gov.

- **What's Happening in Division News** – Find the [Latest News](#) about Workers Compensation online.
- **Elections** – Statutes written in the Kansas Workers Compensation Act allow certain employers to elect in or out of coverage. The election process is detailed. Read the general rules for elections and find instructions on how to complete them on the website. Send questions to WCEmployerServices@dol.ks.gov.
- **Other Resources** – Links to associated industry organizations, related agencies, Medicare Set-Aside Arrangements, and miscellaneous workers compensation and HIPAA can be found on our website at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/OtherResources.aspx.
- **Categories of Disability Compensation Benefits** can be found online at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/injwkr.aspx.
- **Information in Spanish** can be found at www.dol.ks.gov/Espanol.aspx#Compensacion.

Employer Services

The Employer Services unit can explain:

- Posting requirements
- Timely submissions of accident reports
- Election information
- Insurance requirements
- General compliance with WC laws and regulations and more



Download the WC Information for Kansas Employers and Employees (K-WC 25) booklet at www.dol.ks.gov/Files/PDF/kwc25.pdf. Send questions to WCEmployerServices@dol.ks.gov.

Other helpful forms can be found at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/frmpub2.aspx.

SAVE THE DATES!

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September		2016				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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