

Work Comp Connection



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What's New on the Web?

Take a look at our new [Forms and Publications](#) page - We've changed the way it is set up to make finding what you need a bit easier. All the forms are grouped into categories the same as before, but when you go to the page, you'll find navigation buttons representing the categories. Each button will take you to a page with links in that category only, and a link back to the buttons (home) page. This means you won't have to scroll down a long page searching for the form or publication you need. Another useful feature is that a new category has been introduced: Guides. This separate page duplicates individual links found in the other categories for our informational and procedural materials. If it's a guide you're looking for, you'll find it here. You will still find each one in its category page.



Check out our new [Accident Prevention](#) page - Since 1993, as a prerequisite for authority to provide workers compensation insurance coverage to Kansas employers, each insurance company and group-funded self-insurance plan is required to provide accident prevention services upon request of the covered employer. Insurance companies and pools annually report their accident prevention activities using an online form found there.

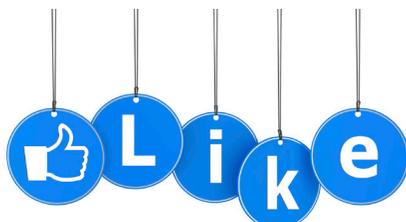
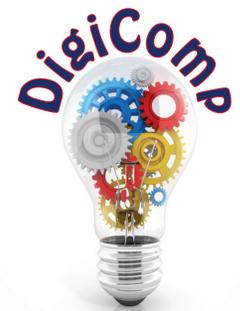
DigiComp December Update

In the November 2015 DigiComp Planning Project Update, details about the use of an online "availability polling" tool for scheduling purposes were provided. Like Web accounts, this tool will benefit both internal and external users, providing a more efficient and timely way of scheduling hearings, meetings and other group events.

In December the DigiComp Communications Team scheduled and held 13 focus groups attended by all non-managerial staff. The team met with Topeka staff in person and with regional office staff by speaker phone. The purpose of the focus groups was to identify all questions and concerns staff have about the DigiComp planning project and the new workers compensation digital system. Many concerns were voiced about system functionality and impact on job duties. Excellent suggestions were gathered. At the outset of each meeting the team advised the group that we might not have immediate answers to all their questions; however, the team was able to answer some of the participants' questions on the spot. After an initial compilation and analysis, the results will be shared with the steering committee in mid-January.

The DigiComp Team will continue to provide monthly updates on the status and details regarding the new system.

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



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Employers, Insurance Carriers, Third Party Administrators and Group Pools

Employers must send accident reports to their insurance carrier, third party administrator or pool association for electronic submission to the Division of Workers Compensation. Per K.A.R. 51-9-17, all insurance carriers, group pools and self-insurers are required to use Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) to file both First Reports of Injury (FROI) and Subsequent Reports of Injury (SROI) using the Release 3 Standards. All claim information submitted to EDI pursuant to K.S.A. 44-557a, and amendments thereto, shall be submitted according to the Kansas EDI Release 3 Guide.

More information about EDI can be found on the Kansas Electronic Data Interchange website at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/edinews.aspx.

Fast Facts:

Ombudsman Services - The division employs full-time personnel who specialize in aiding injured workers, employers and insurance professionals with claims information and problems arising from job-related injuries and illnesses. Contact WC@dol.ks.gov for more information.

Self-Insured - The Business and Accounting Unit reviews applications from employers who wish to become self-insured. For assistance, email WCSelfInsurance@dol.ks.gov.

WiFi - Public WiFi is available in lobbies and hearing rooms in all Kansas Workers Compensation regional offices.

Look Who's Working for You

Cara Sanchez joined the Division's Ombudsman Unit on Dec. 7, 2015, as an Administrative Specialist and the unit's primary point of phone contact. Cara will provide clerical support, maintain calendars and sort the mail. Cara will also act as back up for data entry for Elections and provide other various customer service.

Cara worked as a Senior Administrative Assistant in the Division's Records Unit, where she had been employed since July 2013, filling requests for settlement transcripts, accident reports and dockets.



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