



## **Notice of Accidents Now Available by E-mail**

To provide employers and workers with timely information about the types of accidents occurring in the construction industry, the WCB will now offer regular updates by e-mail of Notices of Accidents (NOA) received by the Prevention Division. These reports may help you prevent similar accidents in your workplace. An NOA is a preliminary report of an accident before an investigation into the case has been completed. To sign up for these updates please send an email to [prevweb@wcb.bc.ca](mailto:prevweb@wcb.bc.ca) with the words “subscribe NOA” in the subject line, or, if you have already subscribed to receive construction email you will be receiving them.

### **WCB Publications Help Construction Health and Safety**

WCB produces many publications that can help you improve health and safety at your workplace. Here is a list of some of the most useful Board publications for the construction industry. To order any of these, contact WCB Publication and Videos. Call 604 276-3068, toll free in B.C. 1 800 661-2112, local 3068, fax 604 279-7406, or e-mail [pubvid@wcb.bc.ca](mailto:pubvid@wcb.bc.ca).

**Employer handbook for claims management** – This new handbook provides employers with general information on compensation services and assessments, including instructions on how to file a claim, the types of benefits, return-to-work programs, the appeal process and an explanation of experience rating (Order by name).

**Back Talk: An Owners Manual for Backs** – This illustrated handbook explains how the back works, provides tips for avoiding injury and shows how to care for the back during recovery. It also covers situations that can cause excessive loads and describes ways to reduce the risk of injury (Order no. BK4).

**Return to Work is Good Business** – This brochure outlines the employer’s role in planning return-to-work programs for injured workers and how to manage an effective return-to-work program that supports and facilitates a worker’s recovery process (Order by name).

**Preventing Heat Stress at Work** – This booklet provides a basic overview of job-related heat stress, how to recognize and treat heat stress and how to prevent heat stress (Order no. BK30).

**Preventing Musculoskeletal Injury (MSI)** – A guide for employers and joint committees to assist in implementing an effective MSI-prevention strategy (Order no. BK77).

**Understanding the Risks of Musculoskeletal Injury (MSI)** – An educational guide to help workers recognize the signs, symptoms, potential health effects, and risk factors associated with sprains, strains, and other MSIs (Order no. BK78).

**WHMIS at Work** – This booklet contains information about WHMIS, WHMIS labels, MSDSs, and WHMIS education and training programs. It outlines the responsibilities of suppliers, employers, and workers. There are also checklists on implementing a WHMIS program and on WHMIS education and training for workers (Order no. BK40).

**Working Safely Around Electricity** – This booklet explains the dangers of working on and around energized low- and high-voltage equipment and conductors. It is written for supervisors and workers who work around and with electrical circuits and power lines as part of their job (Order no. BK19).

**WorkSafe Magazine** – This bi-monthly magazine is published by the Board to inform workers and employers of occupational health and safety issues that may affect or interest them. To subscribe, call 604 231-8690 or toll free in B.C. 1 800 661-2112, local 8690, or e-mail [worksafe@wcb.bc.ca](mailto:worksafe@wcb.bc.ca)

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