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Day of Mourning 2021



Steps for Life 2021

Every day in Canada, three workers lose their lives on the job, leaving more than 1,000 families to mourn their loved ones after a workplace tragedy each year.

Threads of Life is an association that supports the healing journey of families who have suffered from a workplace fatality, traumatic life-altering injury or occupational disease.

Each spring, the association holds a five-kilometre walk to raise funds that support affected families. Steps for Life 2021 → Winnipeg will be different due to the COVID-19 pandemic. You can plan your own walk with your household members or participate in any manner that respects local public health guidelines. A virtual opening ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 2. Details, including the time of the ceremony, will be announced at a later date.

Please visit stepsforlife.ca for more information or to register for the walk.

The National Day of Mourning is marked every April 28 to remember those who have lost their lives, or suffered injury or illness, on the job. Please put up the included posters at your workplace.





Online Payroll Reporting Still Available

Have you reported your payroll yet? Remember, you're required to report your payroll even if you've missed the

deadline or don't anticipate having workers in 2021.

If you haven't used it yet, accessing the Online Payroll Reporting System is the easiest, fastest and most reliable method of reporting your payroll information. It's a secure Internet system that's available 24/7. At the beginning of the year, you received

a notice with an access code that allows you to log in. If you don't have your access code, please contact Assessments at 204-954-4505.

Learn more at wcb.mb.ca/reporting-payroll.

WCB Clearance Request System

If you plan on hiring a subcontractor for a project, make sure you obtain a clearance from the WCB before work begins.

A clearance tells you whether or not a business, contractor or subcontractor has complied with the requirements of the WCB. This is important because if a contractor you've hired isn't in good standing with the WCB, you may be liable for the assessment costs on the portion of work they've done for you - and may have your own assessment rates go up if they are injured in the workplace.

The WCB offers a Clearance Request System, an online portal that allows you to search potential sub-contractors and obtain authorized clearance status documents. If you become a

registered user, you can also use this tool to compile and store lists of the sub-contractors you use most often and receive e-mail updates on changes to their clearance status.

Who should get clearance information?

General contractors or any business hiring for the purposes of construction, transportation, janitorial, oil and gas, tow trucks, etc. should get clearance information on their subcontractors before work begins. Clearances are not required for businesses that supply material only.

If you are in a non-contract based industry and you see the status 'deemed worker,' or if you can't find your contractor in the system, contact

the WCB to verify their status at 204-954-4505 or toll-free in Canada at 1-855-954-4321.

There are two options for accessing the system:

1. General Public Access: Search for businesses by their WCB account number or business name and see their standing with the WCB.
2. Registered User: Once registered, you can create customized, interactive lists of businesses and sub-contractors, and receive e-mail updates if a business changes status. To register, call 204 954-4803 (in Winnipeg) or 1-866-751-9245 (toll-free in Canada).

Learn more at wcb.mb.ca/clearances.

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