

WCB VOICE



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WCB's 2018 Annual Report Focuses on Injury Prevention and Volatile Financial Markets

The WCB's 2018 Annual Report was recently made public. The report highlights continued gains in reducing workplace injuries, with a time loss injury rate of 2.6* per 100 full time workers, a 26 per cent decrease from 10 years ago. The WCB also released its 2019-2023 Five Year Plan.

SAFE Work Manitoba, a division of the WCB, continued to support Manitoba industries in creating and nurturing safe and healthy workplaces with the ongoing support and expansion of industry-based safety programs. These services include guiding employers through the process of becoming SAFE Work Certified – a provincial standard developed by SAFE Work Manitoba for safety and health performance in the workplace. There were tremendous strides made in lowering injuries and as a result, the WCB experienced an eight per cent decrease in time loss claims from the previous year.

Today, more and more employers are recognizing the benefits of becoming SAFE Work Certified. "We introduced a Prevention Rebate program that rewards employers for meeting this safety standard," said Winston Maharaj, WCB President and CEO. "In 2018, we had 882 employers become eligible for a total of \$5.6 million in Prevention Rebates."

"The WCB entered 2018 in a healthy financial position, with strong reserves and a diversified investment portfolio but a volatile fourth quarter resulted in losses to our investments," said Maharaj. "While we ended the year with an operating deficit of \$53 million, our prudent financial stewardship over the years ensured we continue to run a surplus in our funding reserve of 148.2 per cent, which is well above our 130 per cent target." The WCB has developed a framework to return a portion of the surplus to employers later this year.

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Report your Injury Online

In addition to in-person and telephone, workers are now able to report a workplace injury or illness online via the WCB's new secure application on our website.

No matter the time of day, online reporting allows you to report a workplace injury 24/7 through our secure application. Faster and easier reporting also means faster treatment and a quicker Return to Health and Work. Visit wcb.mb.ca > **Worker** > **Report an Injury** to learn more.

SAFE Work Manitoba Announces Farm Safety Contest Winner



SAFE Work Manitoba has selected 12-year-old Lia Harder from Douglas, Manitoba as this year's winner of the farm safety drawing contest for her drawing depicting safety around chemicals on the farm.

Each year, children between the ages of six and 12 are encouraged to submit drawings that show how to find a safer way when faced with one of four common hazards on the farm: livestock, grain, farm equipment and chemicals.

For her winning entry, Lia will receive an iPad, and her drawing will be featured on the front page of the 2020 Farm Safety calendar. At least 12 other students' drawings will also be included in the calendar.

You can vote for your favourite drawings on SAFE Work Manitoba's Facebook page at facebook.com/SAFEManitoba.



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