

WCB's 2010 Annual Report Focuses on Decrease in Injuries, Lower Rates

The Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba (WCB) released its 2010 Annual Report. It was highlighted by a decrease in the time loss injury rate as the result of successful prevention efforts by the WCB, its partners, and the workers and employers of Manitoba. The WCB also released its 2011–2015 Five Year Plan.

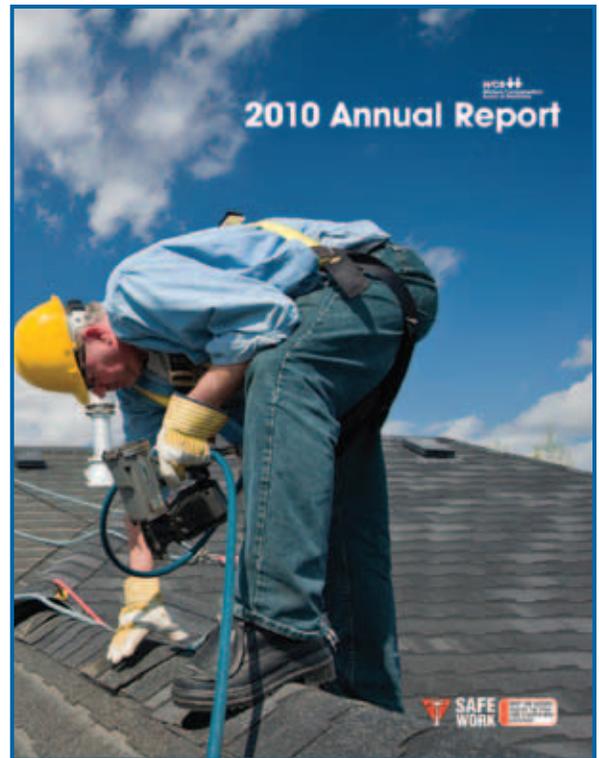
Injured workers also spent less time off the job in 2010 as a result of employers' and workers' focused efforts to help ensure workers return to health and meaningful work as soon as they can safely do so. Return to work programs minimize the impact of an injury, promote recovery and manage associated costs while benefiting both workers and employers.

The success of prevention and return to health and work efforts along with continued positive investment returns in 2010 contributed to

excellent financial results, which enabled the WCB to decrease the 2011 assessment rate. The WCB's reserves increased \$90 million - an outcome that exceeded financial plans.

In 2010, the WCB continued to modernize by introducing additional technology to improve its processes and ultimately, its service. A new, electronic-based system in the assessment services area will increase efficiency, enhance the level of customer service provided and create a foundation for future online services.

The WCB also continued to support Manitoba employers and workers by announcing the opening of a new WCB location in Brandon, Manitoba, in 2012.



Welcome to the WCB Insider!

The WCB is committed to providing you with service that is fast, easy, caring, right and clear - which is why we've developed the WCB Insider. It gives you a quick, 2-page look at what we're doing, and includes everything from prevention news to reporting information to tips to help you with your business.

If you'd prefer to continue receiving our 4-page newsletter, just let us know. Contact WCB Communications at (204) 954-4760 or email wcbcomm@wcb.mb.ca.

Return to Work is Good for Business

Preventing workplace injuries is the most effective way to protect workers and control an employer's workers compensation costs. Return to work (RTW) programs help to optimize recovery, facilitate safe and timely return to work, and prevent other injuries.

Why have a RTW program?

A timely and safe return to work can help injured workers recovery more quickly and minimize the cost of workplace injuries. The best RTW programs involve participation, meaningful and safe work, communication, and proactive early intervention

Who is involved in a RTW program?

A team approach works best. The team generally includes the worker, employer, healthcare provider and, when needed, the WCB.

What are the benefits of a RTW program?

An effective RTW program can help you to:

- Retain valued and experienced employees
- Reduce costs associated with training and recruiting replacement staff
- Maintain productivity and team dynamics
- Reduce the costs of injuries and WCB premiums
- Meet legal requirements related to WCB legislation
- Improve workplace morale.

For more information, contact the WCB's **SAFE Work Services** department by phone at 954-4501 or toll free 1-800-362-3340.

New WCB Office to Be Located in Downtown Brandon

The WCB has selected an office site for its new regional office in Brandon, Manitoba.

The WCB has agreed to a conditional offer to lease with Renaissance Station Inc. for two units at 457-9th Street on the northeast corner of 9th Street and Victoria Avenue in Brandon, across from City Hall. The two units are located on the main floor of the building and offer approximately 5,248 square feet of space.

The Brandon office will open in early 2012 and is planned to provide initial adjudication of claims, case management functions, healthcare examinations, vocational rehabilitation, SAFE Work services and some assessment services. The office will initially be staffed with 15.5 positions.

The WCB is looking for local staff for its Brandon office. There was a good response at a career booth at the Brandon Shoppers Mall June 17 and 18.

**If you're
hurt at work,
we're
here to help.**

Review Your 2011 Estimated Payroll

Employers are reminded to review their 2011 payroll estimate provided to us at the beginning of the year. If you anticipate the estimate you provided has or could change by more than 5%, up or down, prior to the end of the year, please let us know as soon as possible. This will minimize the potential of having interest calculated on the difference between your estimated assessment and your actual assessment for 2011.

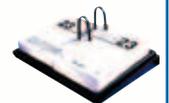
Changes to your 2011 payroll estimate can be submitted by mail, fax or phone. Please be sure to include your account number with all correspondence.

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Important Dates



Quarterly Firms

July 20, 2011 – The Quarterly Remittance and payment for the second quarter of 2011 must be received at the WCB by this date for firms reporting payroll on a quarterly basis.

Annual Firms

August 31, 2011 – The second installment must be received at the WCB by this date for firms reporting payroll on an annual basis and paying in installments.