

WCBinsider

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Opportunities for Funding: Research and Workplace Innovation Program

Every year, the WCB's Research and Workplace Innovation Program (RWIP) makes \$1 million available to fund workplace innovation and scientific research projects that lead to improvements in workplace health and safety, and foster successful rehabilitation and safe return to productive and meaningful work.

Applications undergo a rigorous merit-based evaluation. Projects should be limited to two years or less, and require funding of \$100,000 or less each year.

Qualified applicants should submit proposals for either:

- innovative, practical solutions to improve workplace health and safety as well as early and safe return to work, or
- scientific research on workplace injury, illness and disease.

Notice of intent to apply for scientific research projects is required by **May 8, 2013**. The closing date for all applications is **June 25, 2013**.

For more information, contact Bruce M. Cielen at BCielen@wcb.mb.ca, 204-954-4650, toll free 1-800-362-3340 or visit wcb.mb.ca > **WCB Info** > **Research and Workplace Grants**.

Interactive Video Introduces WCB to New Canadians

The WCB has recently launched an interactive video to help new Canadian workers understand their rights and responsibilities with respect to workplace injuries.

Funded by the WCB's Research and Workplace Innovation Program, this free video helps new Manitobans understand the importance of reporting workplace injuries to the WCB.

The video and Facilitator's Guide will be delivered to organizations involved with newcomers to Manitoba, and can also be used in your workplace training sessions.

The video is available at wcb.mb.ca > WCB Info > Research and Workplace Grants.

To request a DVD copy, contact wcb@wcb.mb.ca.

Steps for Life Walk

On May 5, NAOSH week begins with the Steps for Life Walk at Kildonan Park. The 5 km walk is an annual fundraiser for families of workplace tragedies. Last year, more than 4,400 walkers in 32 communities across Canada raised more than \$430,000.

For more information, or to register online, visit stepsforlife.ca or threadsoflife.ca.



Day of Mourning



On April 28, 80 countries worldwide will mark an official Day of Mourning to commemorate those workers who have suffered work-related injuries, illnesses and fatalities. In 2012, nearly three workers died each day from a workplace injury or illness across Canada.

The WCB will recognize the Day of Mourning on April 26 by lowering its flag to half-mast and observing a moment of silence. A Leaders' Walk will also be held, beginning at the Union Centre at 275 Broadway and concluding at the Manitoba Legislature Building.

German Fact Sheets Now Available

German versions of our 2013 Fact Sheets are now available, along with English, French, Tagalog and Spanish.

Our Fact Sheets provide useful WCB information for workers, employers and business owners. Visit wcb.mb.ca > Publications > WCB Fact Sheets.

Brandon Personal Care Home Joins Forces with the WCB to Prevent Workplace Injuries

For Wayne McDonough, Executive Director of the Salvation Army's Dinsdale Personal Care Home, signing up with the Partners in Prevention program has proved to be "a good thing."

"To have someone come in and review our safety and health processes was extremely beneficial," says Wayne.

After meeting with staff and examining practices in the workplace, Laura Farmaner, SAFE Work Coordinator for the WCB, presented a report that included recommendations ranging from the development of safety and health policies to the implementation of staff training and awareness.

To read more, visit wcb.mb.ca > WCB Info > Prevention > Business Support > Partners in Prevention. You can also call 204-954-4504 or toll free 1-800-362-3340, ext. 4501.

Did You Know. . .

The Fair Practices Advocate is an independent office within the workers' compensation system in Manitoba. It acts as an ombudsman for injured workers, their dependents, and employers with the goal of helping them resolve issues they may have with the WCB, and helping the WCB improve its quality of service.

To learn more, visit fairpracticesofficemb.ca.



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NAOSH Week May 5 to 11

This year's North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) week runs from May 5 to 11 with the theme "*Are You As Safe As You Think?*" Employers are encouraged to promote safety activities in their workplace as a way to build prevention awareness.

Some activities you may consider are:

- Sponsoring a children's safety poster contest
- Creating a company safety calendar with tips
- Hosting a family safety fair

- Launching a recognition program to reward health and safety suggestions.

Enter your company's events at safemanitoba.com and be eligible to win in a number of categories. For more information, visit naosh.ca or csse.org.



Brandon Office to Include Parkland Region

The WCB office in Brandon is expanding its catchment area to include the Parkland region. The office will offer a range of services, including initial adjudication of claims and case management functions as well as healthcare examinations, vocational rehabilitation, SAFE Work services

and some assessment services.

By the end of April, the transition will be completed and employers and workers based in communities like Dauphin, Swan River, Neepawa, Minnedosa, Russell and Roblin will deal directly with our Brandon office.

Dates to Remember



April 20, 2013 – The Quarterly Remittance for the first quarter of 2013 and payment must be received at the WCB by this date for firms reporting on a quarterly basis.

April 30, 2013 – Firms in mandatory industries who have not submitted their completed Annual Payroll Form (APF) prior to this date will have their actual 2012 and estimated 2013 earnings determined by the WCB. In addition, these firms will be charged a late filing penalty equal to 10 percent of the premium we have assessed for 2013. Coverage will be cancelled for registered firms in optional industries that have not submitted their APF.

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