

# WCB UPDATE

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## The 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 is a letter that tells you whether or not a business, contractor or subcontractor has complied with the requirements of the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba. This is important because if a contractor you've hired isn't in good standing with the WCB, you may be liable for their assessment costs - and may have your own assessment rates go up if they are injured in the workplace.

The WCB offers a Clearance Request System, an Internet application that will allow 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 be updated on their clearance status via e-mail.

This system is one of many services deployed on the web by the WCB and is part of an initiative to provide faster and better service to our clients.

### Who should get clearances?

General contractors or any firm hiring for the purposes of construction, transportation, logging, janitorial, oil and gas wells, tow trucks, etc. should get clearance information on their subcontractors before work commences.



### When can I use the Online Clearance System?

WCB's Online Clearance System is available to you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The WCB Technical Support Team is available to assist you from Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM by calling 204-954-4505 or toll-free in Canada at 1-855-954-4321 (except on statutory holidays). System and support availability is subject to change.

### There are two options for accessing the system:

1. The Online Directory: Search a comprehensive list of businesses by account number or business name and immediately see their standing with the WCB. Enter as many names as you want and get immediate information on each one. The Online Directory is available at [www.wcb.mb.ca](http://www.wcb.mb.ca).

2. Interactive Online List: Using a secure Internet connection, registered users can create customized, interactive lists of businesses and sub-contractors. If a company's status changes, the Clearance Request System will automatically flag the company's name in your file and email you about the change in status the next business day. To register, call 204 954-4803 (in Winnipeg) or 1-866-751-9245 (toll-free in Canada).

### Do I require clearance on Supply Only contracts?

No, letters of clearance are not required for firms that "supply material only."

If you are in a non-contract based industry and you see the status "deemed worker," or if you cannot find your contractor in the system, you need to contact the WCB to verify their status at 204-954-4505 or toll-free in Canada at 1-855-954-4321. More information is also available at <https://www.wcb.mb.ca/clearances>.

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# SAFE Work Certified Program Offered with Industry Partners

The WCB's prevention arm, SAFE Work Manitoba, helps you invest in safety and health at your workplace - and ultimately reduce your WCB costs.

To help you get there, SAFE Work Manitoba has developed a standard for occupational safety and health in the province called SAFE Work Certified.

Industry-based safety programs (IBSPs) offer safety & health certification to Manitoba employers who meet the SAFE Work Certified standard. Eligible employers can receive a financial reward for their efforts to prevent workplace injuries and illnesses.

## Safety and Health Certification Programs

The following safety and health certification programs are currently offered:

### Construction - COR™ certification:

Heavy Construction: Manitoba  
Heavy Construction Association  
WORKSAFELY Program

<http://www.mhca.mb.ca/worksafely/>  
204-947-1379

Industrial, Commercial and Residential  
Construction: Construction Safety  
Association of Manitoba

<http://www.constructionsafety.ca/>  
204-775-3171



### Manufacturing:

Made Safe  
<https://madesafe.ca/>  
204-949-1454

### Transportation:

S2 Safety: Sales and Service Safety  
Association (Motor Vehicle Safety  
Association of Manitoba)  
<https://s2safety.ca/>  
204-779-8296

RPM Trucking Industry Safety program  
<https://www.rpmsafety.ca/>  
204-632-6600

### Agriculture:

Manitoba Farm Safety Program  
<https://www.manitobafarmsafety.ca/>  
204-697-1140

### For other industries:

Contact SAFE Work Manitoba  
Winnipeg: 204-957-SAFE (7233)  
Outside Winnipeg: 1-855-957-SAFE  
(7233)  
Email: [swc@safeworkmanitoba.ca](mailto:swc@safeworkmanitoba.ca)

## 2019 Fact Sheets Available in Eight Languages

The WCB has updated its Fact  
Sheets, covering all the specialized  
information you might need in your

dealings with us. From information  
on assessable payroll and calculation  
of benefits to coverage for contract  
workers and return to work, our Fact  
Sheets provide detailed information  
on every aspect of the WCB's business.

The Fact Sheets are available on our  
website in English, French, Tagalog,  
Spanish, German, Mandarin, Punjabi

and Russian.

We've also reformatted some of our  
Fact Sheet content into FAQs in order  
to streamline information.

Check out the full listing of our Fact  
Sheets and FAQs at [https://www.wcb.  
mb.ca/resources/type](https://www.wcb.mb.ca/resources/type).





NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL **SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK** 2019, MAY 5-11

# People and Passion Prevention



Sunday, May 5

## STEPS FOR LIFE WALK

Opens at 10:00 am  
Kildonan Park  
Winnipeg

Monday, May 6

## MANITOBA NAOSH WEEK LAUNCH

Starts at 8:15 am  
Red River College  
Princess Campus, Winnipeg

Tuesday, May 7

## WESTMAN NAOSH WEEK LAUNCH

Starts at 11:30 am  
Civic Service Complex  
Brandon

For more details and to register, visit  
[safemanitoba.ca/naosh-week](http://safemanitoba.ca/naosh-week).



The SAFE Work Awards recognize Manitoba individuals, safety and health committees, and businesses that demonstrate a strong commitment to the health and safety of their workers.

If you think you fit the bill, we encourage you to submit a nomination online at [safemanitoba.com/safeworkawards](http://safemanitoba.com/safeworkawards).

### Enter one of three categories:

- ▶ SAFETy Culture
- ▶ Worker SAFETy
- ▶ SAFETy and Health Committee

Awards will be presented at The Safetys gala on September 25, 2019, to wrap up the 2019 Canadian Society of Safety Engineering Conference.

Deadline for nominations: Monday, May 27, 2019





## Register today for **A Hazard is A Hazard – Workplace Psychological Health and Safety**

Registration is now open for “A Hazard is A Hazard – Workplace Psychological Health and Safety”. This full day workshop is considered an intermediate level intended for people in the workplace who have knowledge and experience with occupational health and safety programs.

Workplace health and safety includes identifying and addressing hazards that can cause mental injury. Learn more about the CSA National Standard for Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace, raise your awareness of workplace mental health concerns, identify common psychological hazards and learn how to roll psychological considerations into your health and safety program.

With the aim of building awareness about psychological health and safety in Manitoba workplaces, the Canadian Mental Health Association, Manitoba and Winnipeg (CMHA) and the MFL Occupational Health Centre (OHC) have partnered with SAFE Work Manitoba to develop and deliver this workshop through several of Manitoba’s Industry-Based Safety Programs (IBSPs).

This workshop is open to everyone, regardless of IBSP affiliation and is offered at no cost for all participants.

**See the full 12-session schedule and register today at**

<https://www.safemanitoba.com/Education/Pages/A-Hazard-Is-A-Hazard.aspx>



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