

NEWS UPDATE

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Supervising safety arrives on Facebook

We all know supervisors play a pivotal role in creating safer workplaces, and thereby reducing claim costs. Now, a sought-after supervisor training course is sharing its valuable message via social media. WorkSafeBC's "Supervising for Safety" — developed in conjunction with employers in northern B.C. — is currently available on Facebook, 24/7. To check it out, visit www.facebook.com/pages/Supervising-for-Safety/133870710003535.

Proposed 2012 rates on WorkSafeBC.com

Although the 2012 rates won't be approved until later this fall, the average base rate is expected to remain at the 2011 rate of \$1.54 per \$100 of employers' assessable payroll — down from the rate of \$1.56 in previous years, and the lowest rate in more than 30 years. As a result, 61 percent of employers should see their industry base premium rate decrease or remain unchanged in 2012. For more information, see www.worksafebc.com/insurance/premiums/2012_prelim_rates/default.asp.

Visit **WorkSafeBC.com** to see the range of online services available to you.

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Clearance letters go mobile

Worried about contractor liability? Now you can address your concerns quickly and easily through WorkSafeBC's new mobile clearance letter application (App). The new iPhone App allows general contractors and homeowners to request a clearance letter regarding the business in question — anytime, anywhere — to ensure protection from liability under Section 51 of the *Workers Compensation Act*. Watch for more information on **WorkSafeBC.com**. The App is expected to be available this fall, with plans to extend its use to other mobile devices as well.


Did you know?

In 2010, 36 percent of B.C.'s injured workers were women.

Popular contacts

- Claims Call Centre 604 231-8888, toll-free 1 888 967-5377
- Employer Service Centre 604 244-6181
toll-free 1 888 922-2768
- Prevention Information Line 604 276-3100
toll-free 1 888 621-7233
- Teleclaim 1 888 WORKERS (967-5377)
- Human Resources 604 276-3009
toll-free 1 888 757-5552
- Fraud Tip Line 604 276-3295
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