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## Annual report and stats book available

Hot off the press: WorkSafeBC's 2009 annual report and statistics book are now available for online viewing. The annual report reflects on WorkSafeBC's improved financial outlook – good news for employers seeking lower premium rates. Its companion publication – the 2009 statistics book – takes a serious look at asbestos, and the growing rate of disease and death associated with this number one occupational killer. Each year, our annual report offers you a snapshot of our performance, financials, and future targets; the stats book provides a range of quotable statistics on claims, injury rates, industry-related trends, and ongoing occupational health and safety issues. To view these publications, visit [www.worksafebc.com/publications/reports/annual\\_reports/default.asp](http://www.worksafebc.com/publications/reports/annual_reports/default.asp).

## Keep an eye on your COR progress online

The Certificate of Recognition (COR) program can provide financial rebates of up to 15 percent off base premiums and is available to all employers. If you're an employer in the program, real-time information about your COR status is available at [www.worksafebc.com/insurance/partners\\_program/default.asp](http://www.worksafebc.com/insurance/partners_program/default.asp). A new feature of this site allows you to search for up-to-date information about employers with valid COR certifications. If you'd like to join the program, our web site makes it easier than ever to determine which certifying partner serves your industry. If your classification unit is not listed, call WorkSafeBC's Partners Program staff to find the closest alternative at 604 244-6164 or toll-free at 1 866 644-6164.

## Stay safety savvy with the new mobile App

Looking for safety information at your fingertips? We've got a handy new option. Later this year, WorkSafeBC will release a free application (App) for mobile devices enabling you to search and browse the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation, guidelines, policies, and WorkSafeBC standards – even if you're out of cell phone range. The first version of the App will be available for the iPhone, iPad, Android, and Palm Pre. We're working on a version for the Blackberry as well. If you would like to be notified as soon as the App is available, subscribe to WorkSafeBC's e-News at [www2.worksafebc.com/safety/subscribenow.asp](http://www2.worksafebc.com/safety/subscribenow.asp).

## TIME SAVER



### Doing business online has never been easier

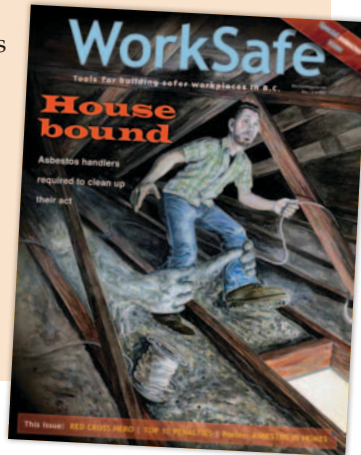
Did you know you can conduct most of your business with WorkSafeBC – a whopping 80 percent of it – online? It takes less than five minutes to report your payroll online. If you need to report a workplace injury, save time by reporting it online, and then follow the status of the claim simply by logging into your account. If you're not one of the thousands of customers who are now managing their accounts with us over the Internet, why not try our online services the next time you need to get a clearance letter or make a payment? Visit [WorkSafeBC.com](http://WorkSafeBC.com) for more details.

## Has your business changed?

Sometimes, changes to your operations result in a new classification or different rate for your firm. If you have made – or plan to make – significant changes to your business, contact us to be sure your firm is appropriately classified and paying the correct rate. Also, contact us if you close your business or change your company's name, address, operating location, or type of operation. To report these changes, call our Employer Service Centre at 604 244-6181 or toll-free at 1 888 922-2768. You may also update some of your account information by visiting [www.worksafebc.com/employers\\_and\\_small\\_business/employers\\_help/employer\\_service\\_centre/default.asp](http://www.worksafebc.com/employers_and_small_business/employers_help/employer_service_centre/default.asp) and clicking on Online Reporting and Remitting.

## In the May/June issue of WorkSafe Magazine

Asbestos exposure is a killer – the biggest source of workplace fatalities, in fact. With the aim of preventing future exposures, WorkSafeBC is working closely with B.C. municipalities and other employers to crack down on dangerous asbestos handling practices in the residential construction industry. For more, visit [WorkSafeMagazine.com](http://WorkSafeMagazine.com).



## Questions about workers' compensation?

Did you know you can get independent advice about workers' compensation matters from the Employers' Advisers Office? It's a free, confidential service provided through the Ministry of Labour. Employers' advisers have an in-depth understanding of employers' rights and responsibilities and are available to provide impartial advice on assessment, prevention, and claims matters. As well, employers' advisers offer training seminars and representation on issues relating to workers' compensation. This service is available to employers, potential employers, and employers' associations. For more information – including the phone number for your local Employers' Advisers Office – visit their web site at [www.labour.gov.bc.ca/eao](http://www.labour.gov.bc.ca/eao).

## B.C. residents doing business at home may need to register

While most businesses in B.C. need to register with WorkSafeBC, some residents also must register. If you contract for services in your home – renovations or child care services, for example – you could be deemed an employer. If so, you may need to register with WorkSafeBC and pay premiums. In return, you can't be sued for the costs of a work-related injury or disease. If a worker is injured while working in your home, WorkSafeBC will pay for the worker's entire medical and wage-loss costs. For more information, visit [www.worksafebc.com/insurance/need\\_coverage/emp\\_05.asp](http://www.worksafebc.com/insurance/need_coverage/emp_05.asp).

## Did You Know?

*Since the early 2000s, more workers have died of asbestos-related disease than any other single type of workplace injury or disease.*



## 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
- Human Resources 604 276-3009, toll-free 1 888 757-5552
- Fraud Tip Line 604 276-3295, toll-free 1 877 523-3315
- Teleclaim 1 888 WORKERS (967-5377)

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