

Division of Workers' Compensation

This monthly e-newsletter provides updates on the Workplace Safety Programs of the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC). Both subscribers and non-subscribers of workers' compensation insurance are eligible for these services.

2014 Fatal Occupational Injuries in Texas (Preliminary Results)

In 2014, there were 524 fatal occupational injuries in Texas, a 3 percent increase from 508 injuries in 2013, according to preliminary data from the BLS Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI). Nationally, there were 4,679 fatal occupational injuries. The rate of fatal occupational injuries in Texas was 4.4 per 100,000 full-time employees in 2013, the latest year state fatality rates are available.

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Transportation Safety Information

DWC Offers Recommendations for Occupational Driving Safety Programs

Transportation incidents are the leading cause of fatal occupational injuries in Texas. A variety of industries and occupations require employees to drive or to be exposed to hazards associated with driving. For employees who drive as a primary function of their job or for a portion of their job duties, roadways and work zones are likely the most dangerous part of their work environment.



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Safety Tips

Workplace Violence

Workplace violence is any act or threat of physical violence, harassment, intimidation, or other threatening disruptive behavior that occurs at the work site. It ranges from threats and verbal abuse to physical assaults and even homicide. It can affect employees, clients, customers, and visitors to the workplace. Homicide is currently the fourth-leading cause of fatal occupational injuries in



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2014 Fatal Occupational Injuries in Texas (Preliminary Results) (cont.)

Fatal occupational injury rates for 2014 at the state level will not be available until spring 2016, with the release of the final CFOI data.

Incidence rates for non-fatal injuries and illnesses by industry for 2014 will be released in October. In 2013, the Texas private sector incidence rate for nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses was 2.6 per 100 full-time employees, while the national rate was 3.3 per 100 full-time employees. The Texas non-fatal incidence rate has been below the national rate since data collection began in 1990.

The DWC compiles detailed information on all occupational fatalities occurring in Texas for the CFOI, a program jointly administered with the BLS. DWC annually releases total fatal injury counts and descriptive data to help employers, safety professionals, and policymakers identify occupational safety and health issues in the state.

Key Findings

- In Texas, transportation incidents continued as the leading cause of fatal occupational injuries, accounting for 45 percent. While other types of transportation incident categories declined, roadway incidents involving a motorized land vehicle increased from 168 to 185 incidents.
- Transportation incidents involving the support activities for mining industry increased from 25 incidents in 2013 to 35. In the heavy and civil engineering construction industry, these incidents decreased from 21 to 8 incidents. The truck transportation industry experienced 50 transportation incidents, down from 57 in 2013.
- In the construction industry, fatal occupational injuries declined 9 percent from 116 incidents in 2013 to 105 in 2014.
- Fatal injuries resulting from falls declined 9 percent (from 74 to 67). Although the number of incidents involving contact with objects did not change from 2013 (76 incidents), they surpassed falls as the second leading cause

of fatal occupational injuries. Of these, 75 percent involved being struck by an object or equipment, and 17 percent involved employees being caught in or compressed by equipment.

- The industry subsectors in Texas experiencing the highest number of fatal occupational injuries were specialty trade contractors (68 incidents), truck transportation (66 incidents), support activities for mining (64 incidents), administrative and support services (31 incidents), and heavy and civil engineering construction (26 incidents).
- Fatal injuries in local government declined 44 percent from 50 to 28 incidents. Most notably, protective service occupations such as fire fighters and police officers experienced 62 percent fewer fatalities.
- In Texas in 2014, the major occupation group with the highest number of fatalities was transportation and material moving occupations, with 172 incidents. This was a 6 percent increase from the 163 incidents in 2013. Of these, 65 percent were heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers, with 112 incidents. This was a 2 percent increase in fatal injuries from the 110 incidents in 2013.
- The construction and extraction occupations had the second highest number of fatalities with 124 incidents. Of these, 57 percent were construction trades workers (71 incidents), a decrease of 12 percent (81 incidents) from 2013. More than a quarter (27 percent) involved extraction workers (34 incidents), an increase of 21 percent from 2013 (28 incidents).

The final fatal injury numbers and rate will be released in spring 2016. The CFOI data tables can be found on the TDI website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/sis/fathomepage.html. For more information about fatal occupational injuries, contact DWC at (512) 804-5020 or cfoi@tdi.texas.gov.

Transportation Safety Information (cont.)

DWC Offers Recommendations for Occupational Driving Safety Programs (cont.)

To lower the risk of transportation incidents, DWC encourages employers to implement effective occupational driving safety programs that address driving and vehicular hazards. In addition, DWC encourages employers to implement and enforce written safety programs and policies for working in and around motor vehicles.

Employers should ensure that their programs and practices comply with applicable federal, state, and local regulations. DWC recommends reviewing your occupational driving safety program at least annually, or when changes occur in your workplace.

Employers should include the following four elements of driving safety when developing an occupational driving safety program: the Roadway Workplace, the Driver, the Vehicle, and the Environment.

The Roadway Workplace



If your employees are in a motorized vehicle as part of their job, you should consider the vehicle and roadway as an extension of the workplace. DWC

recommends that employers:

- have robust driving safety policies and programs;
- conduct motor vehicle record checks;
- assess their drivers' skills and behaviors;
- evaluate and manage the work journey; and
- know the applicable laws.

Use the DWC Occupational Driving Safety Program Review Checklist located on its website at www.tdi.texas.gov/pubs/videoresource/ckloccdrivesafe.pdf to assess your company's program.

The Driver



If your employees operate a motorized vehicle as part of their job, you should be aware of and combat the common causes of roadway crashes and related injuries, including:

- distracted driving;
- no seat belt use;
- impaired driving;
- fatigued driving;
- driver wellness/fitness to drive; and
- lack of driver training.

The Vehicle



If your company has a fleet, or if employees drive personal or leased vehicles as part of their job, you should ensure that the vehicles are mechanically sound and operating properly. In

addition, employees who drive should be trained and observed in operating the vehicle(s) they use for work. They should also be trained on the capabilities of other types vehicles that are on the road or in a construction zone.

The Environment



If your employees are in a motorized vehicle as part of their job, they should be prepared for conditions that might affect their trip, including:

- adverse weather conditions;
- work zones;
- road conditions; and
- other drivers. ▲

Drive Safely to Work Week

October 4 – 10 is Drive Safely Work Week, sponsored by the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS). This year's campaign is "Plan Ahead: Your Key to Driving Safely" and provides information and resources to help reduce risk on the road. The campaign materials include daily areas of emphasis for employers and employees:

- Remember to take time to plan the journey—even those trips that feel routine;
- Prepare for driving situations in unfamiliar areas;
- Take precautions to drive with a clear head;
- Learn to navigate the changes we all experience as we age and how they may affect driving; and
- Plan ahead for driving situations that involve family members.

The free campaign materials are available on the NETS website at <http://trafficsafety.org/>.▲

Download!

DWC Resources

- DWC has updated its Driving Safety website to offer additional guidance and resource links for developing occupational driving safety programs at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/drivesafe.html.
- DWC features a free occupational safety and health DVD loan library. Call (512) 804-4620 for more information or visit the TDI website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/videoresources/avcatalog.html. DVDs on many driving dangers can be found under the following headings:
 - Driving Safety;
 - Transportation Safety (includes safe operation of buses and vans); and
 - Trucking Safety (covers both straight trucks and tractor trailers).

DWC Workplace Safety Job Postings

There are many benefits to working for the State of Texas and DWC, as detailed on the agency website at www.tdi.texas.gov/jobs/index.html.

A complete listing of positions currently available can be viewed at www.tdi.texas.gov/jobs/jobs.html.

Safety Tips (cont.)

Workplace Violence (cont.)

the United States and was the cause of 39 workplace fatalities in 2014 in Texas, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Violence can be prevented or minimized in most workplaces if employers plan ahead and take precautions. One of the best protections is for employers to establish a zero-tolerance policy toward workplace violence. The policy should cover anyone who may come in contact with company personnel.

Other strategies that can be used to improve awareness and prevent violence in the workplace include:

- Conduct threat and hazard assessments of potential and past incidents.
- Inspect the work site and surrounding environment for at-risk work tasks such as money handling, working alone or in small numbers, working late at night or early in the morning, and handling valuables on site.
- Implement engineering controls and work area/building design changes to reduce risk.
- Train employees on policies, security equipment and procedures, recognition and response, defusing hostile situations, emergency response, and post-incident procedures.
- Investigate each incident to determine needed program revisions and perform a security reassessment.
- Keep records of threats, verbal and physical abuse, aggressive behavior, and actual incidents of violence, as well as the investigations.
- Keep meeting minutes on investigations and the activities of personnel involved in implementing these strategies. ▲

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DWC Resources

DWC offers the following free workplace safety publications:

- *Workplace Violence Prevention Safety Training Program (English and Spanish)*
- *Workplace Violence Prevention Strategies for Employers (English)*

These publications can be downloaded from the TDI website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/videoresources/index.html.

DWC features a free occupational safety and health DVD loan library. Call (512) 804-4620 for more information or visit the TDI website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/videoresources/avcatalog.html. DVDs related to workplace violence prevention can be found under the heading "Workplace Violence."

Other Resources

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) provides a Workplace Violence page on the OSHA website at www.osha.gov/SLTC/workplaceviolence/index.html.

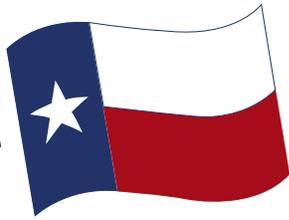
The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) provides an Occupational Violence index page with links to field studies, surveys, and other workplace violence references, on the NIOSH website at www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/violence/.

The Texas State Office of Risk Management offers Active Shooter Emergency Preparedness, a five-minute video available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vK9lMgzwMXA>.

The City of Houston offers an active shooter training video entitled Run. Hide. Fight.® The video can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VcSwejU2D0> or downloaded in wmv or mp4 format, and is located on the Ready Houston website at www.readyhoustontx.gov/videos.html. This video is available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese

Regional Safety Summits

REGIONAL



Denton — October 14, 2015

University of North Texas, Gateway Center
801 North Texas Boulevard

Amarillo (rescheduled) — October 20, 2015

Region 16 Education Service Center, Head Start
1601 South Cleveland Street

San Angelo — November 17, 2015

Region 15 Education Service Center
612 South Irene Street

DWC is offering a series of regional safety summits that provide affordable training on common causes of preventable injuries and fatalities in the workplace, as well as current and upcoming regulations in the occupational safety and health fields.

According to the most recent data available from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the second leading cause of fatal occupational injuries in Texas in 2013 was contact with objects and equipment. Falls, slips, and trips were the third leading cause of occupational fatalities in Texas in 2013. The regional safety summits address these and other safety issues commonly encountered in the workplace. Attendees will be able to choose the sessions that are most valuable to them.

Session Options

Session Time	Option 1	Option 2
Morning	Components of an Effective Accident Prevention Program	OSHA Written Programs and Training Requirements
Afternoon	Requirements of a Comprehensive Hazard Communication Program	Walking and Working Surfaces, Exit Routes, and Emergency Action Plans

Session Descriptions

Components of an Effective Accident Prevention Program

Managing how you protect your employees at work can limit how often injuries occur as well as the severity of the injuries. A good management plan also can reduce the costs related to workplace injuries and illnesses. This session will explain how to create an effective and comprehensive safety program in the workplace. The presentation will explore seven core components commonly found in effective safety programs, cover program best practices, and discuss the positive effects of implementation. (3 hours)

Requirements of a Comprehensive Hazard Communication Program

Exposure to hazardous chemicals in the workplace can be harmful to employees' health. Some chemicals may also be safety hazards and cause fires, explosions, and other serious accidents. A comprehensive hazard communication program will help employers and employees understand the effects of chemicals found in the workplace, how to prevent exposure, and what to do in an emergency. Written hazard communication programs have specific requirements to meet OSHA General Industry standards. This session will cover OSHA's requirements for materials inventory, labeling, safety data sheets, and employee training. Attendees will receive information and skills needed to conduct training in their own workplace that complies with OSHA's requirements. (3 hours)

OSHA Written Programs and Training Requirements

This session will review topics including lockout/tagout, emergency action plans, and hearing conservation. Attendees will learn when written programs must be implemented, what must be covered when conducting training, and the proper frequency of training. (3 hours)

Walking and Working Surfaces, Exit Routes, and Emergency Action Plans

Slips, trips, and falls account for numerous workplace injuries every year. Maintaining clean, dry, and uncluttered work environments can help prevent many of these incidents from occurring. Part one of this session will explain OSHA's General Industry standards pertaining to walking and working surfaces, including requirements for floor and wall openings, loading docks, stairways and ladders, and general housekeeping.

Part two of this session will cover the OSHA requirements for exit routes, emergency action plans, and fire prevention plans. Attendees will learn the components, maintenance, safeguards, and operational features of exit routes as well as the essential elements of emergency action plans, fire prevention plans, and general fire protection best practices. (3 hours) ▲

Register!

To register, visit the TDI website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/regional.html or call (512) 804-4610. The registration fee is \$50 per person (register five people and get registration for a sixth person free). Registration includes course materials and a CD with all four presentations.

Custom Onsite Training

The DWC offers affordable safety training courses that can be delivered onsite to businesses, groups, and trade associations. Training focuses on industries or occupations that experience high incidences of injuries, illnesses, and fatalities in Texas.

The DWC offers more than 30 onsite courses, including:

Workplace Violence Prevention

The purpose of this program is to increase employee and employer awareness of the risk factors for workplace violence, and to provide strategies for reducing exposure to these factors. This program provides information to help identify and respond to potential workplace killers, develop a workplace prevention policy, defuse angry people, use stress reduction techniques, practice good communication skills, and analyze elements of effective customer service. It can be tailored for the needs of your particular company. (Length: 1-6 hours) This course can be delivered via teleconference at no cost.

First Aid/CPR

This First Aid course, based on the American Heart Association protocol, includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) training. (Length: 6-8 hours.)

The DWC Training Program Descriptions guide at www.tdi.texas.gov/pubs/videoresource/ghsphstrainingp.pdf provides information on course content and length. The cost for onsite training varies according to the travel costs to the training location. Many courses can be presented at no cost to any business/industry via teleconference or webinar. ▲

Book Your Training Class!

To request training, or for more information, call (512) 804-4610 or email safetytraining@tdi.texas.gov.

Free OSHA 10-Hour Construction Classes

The DWC offers free OSHA 10-Hour Construction classes in both English and Spanish in Austin, Fort Worth, El Paso, and Houston. Each two-day course is presented by authorized instructors and is designed to train employers and their employees in the essentials of occupational health and safety in construction. Classes cover specific OSHA standards and requirements as they apply to the construction industry and teach safety awareness, which helps in recognizing and reducing the risks of job site hazards. Participants who successfully complete the two-day course will receive an OSHA 10-Hour Construction class completion card within six to eight weeks.▲

Register!

For additional information on these classes, visit www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/events/index.html. Due to limited space, registration is required. To register, or to request more information on class availability, call (512) 804-4610.

OSHA Update

OSHA Directive Explains New Process to Assist Early Resolution of Whistleblower Complaints

OSHA has issued policies and procedures for resolving whistleblower disputes. The early resolution process allows whistleblower parties the opportunity to negotiate a settlement with the assistance of a neutral, confidential OSHA representative who has subject-matter expertise in whistleblower investigations. This new process is used as part of a regional Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program, created in response to the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act that requires each federal agency to “adopt a policy that addresses the use of alternative means of dispute resolution and case management.”

This directive does not prohibit OSHA whistleblower offices from offering complainants and respondents other alternative dispute resolution processes, such as third-party mediation.

More information about the directive can be found on the OSHA website at https://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/Directive_pdf/CPL_02-03-006.pdf.▲

Find Out More About OSHCON!

For information about the OSHCON program and help with OSHA standards, contact the DWC at (800) 252-7031, Option 2, or by email at OSHCON@tdi.texas.gov; or visit the OSHCON website at <http://txoshcon.com/>.

DWC, OSHCON, and OSHA Recognize Three Texas Companies with Exemplary Safety Programs

The DWC's Occupational Safety and Health Consultation (OSHCON) Program and OSHA recently recognized three Texas companies for their outstanding safety programs with the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) award.



SHARP

Baptist Memorials Ministries, which employs 145 people at its San Angelo location, is a continuing care retirement community offering seniors independent living, skilled or long-term nursing, memory care, home health, hospice, and outpatient therapy. This company has been granted a one-year exemption from OSHA for planned inspections.

Premium Energy Group, LLC, which employs 11 people at its Tyler location, provides operating systems for the oil and gas industry, as well as providing technicians to install, maintain and operate wellhead equipment. This company has been granted a one-year exemption from OSHA for planned inspections.

Texas Die Casting, LLC, which employs 110 people at its Gladewater location, manufactures aluminum die castings for the automotive, appliance, electronics, and general industries. This company has been granted a one-year exemption from OSHA for planned inspections.

The SHARP award recognizes small, private sector Texas employers for exemplary safety management programs and low incidence rates of work-related injuries and illnesses after participation in the DWC OSHCON program.

OSHCON is a free service to help employers understand and comply with OSHA standards through safety consultations conducted by DWC's professional consultants. Employers may be eligible for SHARP status if they have fewer than 250 employees at a worksite and fewer than

500 employees corporate-wide; have operations limited to a fixed worksite; undergo a full-service OSHCON consultation; involve employees in the consultation process; correct all hazards identified by the consultation; and have days away, restricted, or transfer (DART), and total case rate (TCR) injury and illness incidence rates below the national average for their industries.▲

Find Out More About SHARP and OSHCON!

For more information about the OSHCON program and SHARP, call (800) 252-7031 Option 2, visit the OSHCON website at www.txoshcon.com, or email OSHCON@tdi.texas.gov.

Free Help with OSHA Compliance

The DWC provides free help with compliance for small and medium-sized businesses, with priority given to high-hazard industries, through its OSHCON Program. OSHCON is a non-regulatory program, and its professional safety and health consultants are available to help you identify and eliminate occupational hazards in your workplace, whether or not your company carries workers' compensation insurance. Benefits for employers participating in the OSHCON program include prevention of work-related injuries and illnesses; confirmation to their employees and customers of their commitment to safety; public acknowledgement of their safety efforts; monetary savings to the company by reducing workers' compensation costs and other costs associated with work-related injuries and illnesses; and protection of company assets such as employees, equipment, supplies, products, and facilities.▲

NIOSH Update

New Safety Resources for Spanish Speaking Employees

NIOSH has released a series of multi-media communication products for businesses and organizations that serve Spanish-speaking immigrant employees. The resources include four booklets/ brochures, two posters, and five testimonial videos. The index pages (entitled Protect Yourself at Work and Protégase en el trabajo) contain links to the educational materials as well as other resources and can be found at www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/protejase/default.html and www.cdc.gov/spanish/niosh/topics/protejase/.

Motor Vehicle Safety of Law Enforcement Officers

NIOSH recently launched a new topic page entitled Motor Vehicle Safety of Law Enforcement Officers that provides statistics, descriptions of current research activities, links to related publications, and other related resources. The topic page can be found at www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/leo/default.html.

Proposed Oil and Gas Industry Study

NIOSH has proposed a three-year study to conduct a survey about health and safety issues of 500 land-based oil and gas extraction employees in three states (Texas, North Dakota, and a state in the Appalachian Basin). Employees who drive as part of their work duties will be asked to complete an additional set of questions about their driving environment and behaviors. One of the goals of the study is to determine causes of motor vehicle crashes.

In Texas in 2013, nine extraction workers died in transportation incidents, out of an industry total of 28 fatalities. (Data can be found at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/sis/documents/fataltables13.pdf.) In the U.S., 23 extraction workers died in transportation incidents, out of an industry total of 82. (Data made available on the BLS website at www.bls.gov/iif/oshwc/cfoi/cftb0281.pdf.)

More information concerning the proposed research can be found on the Federal Register website at <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/07/10/2015-16894/proposed-data-collection-submitted-for-public-comment-and-recommendations>.

Report Unsafe Working Conditions

The DWC Safety Violations Hotline is a bilingual, 24-hour, toll-free telephone line that allows Texas employees to confidentially report unsafe working conditions to the DWC. By law, your employer is responsible for providing a safe work environment for you.

While working, you may encounter safety and health hazards that could cause injury, illness, or death. The Safety Violations Hotline allows you, the employee, to take an active role in preventing workplace injuries, illnesses, and fatalities. After DWC receives a report of a work-related safety or health issue, its safety inspectors will work with the employer and insurance carrier to help eliminate hazards.

Employers are prohibited by law from retaliation, and may not suspend, terminate the employment of, or otherwise discriminate against an employee for using the telephone service to report in good faith an alleged violation of an occupational safety or health law. ▲

Report a Safety Violation

Report workplace safety or health hazards to the Safety Violations Hotline by calling (800) 452-9595 or use the online form at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/hotline.html. Reports of violations may be made anonymously.

For questions about workers' compensation claims, call the DWC at (800) 252-7031. To report other non-safety related workplace issues, contact 2-1-1 Texas by dialing 211 on your telephone for information about how to get in touch with the appropriate agency.

Safety DVDs Featuring Workplace Violence Prevention

The DWC Resource Center contains approximately 4,000 DVDs in its library, including more than 46 DVDs on workplace violence prevention. Some titles are available in both English and Spanish. Titles and descriptions of these DVDs can be found under the "Workplace Violence" subject heading.

Healthcare Violence: Be Part of the Cure DVD1978ES

Helps protect employees by showing them how to spot potential violence and how to defuse a situation. Discusses areas of the facility that are most susceptible to violence. Reviews reasons for increases in violence, as well as when to apply physical and chemical restraints. Also discusses the aftermath of an attack. 17 min.

Raising Your Employees' Awareness: Violence in the Workplace DVD2832

Helps train employees on sensitive issues involving violence in the workplace. Covers the different forms of violence, warning signs of potential violence, and the benefits of a non-hostile work environment. Discusses what to do if a violent or potentially violent situation arises. 9 min.

Workplace Violence: The Calm Before the Storm DVD679ES

Helps supervisors and employees identify the warning signs of workplace violence and offers preventive measures. 25 min ▲

Book Your DVDs!

The DWC Resource Center catalog and information on how any Texas employer or employee can check out safety DVDs for free are available at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/videoresources/avcatalog.html.

Upcoming Safety Observances

October 1-31

Eye Injury Prevention Month

October 4-10

Drive Safely to Work Week

October 4-10

National Fire Prevention Week

October 19-23

National School Bus Safety Week

December 1-31

"3D Month" – Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month

December 6-12

National Handwashing Awareness Week

A Proactive Return-to-Work Process Will Help Employers Reduce and Control Workers' Compensation Costs

The longer an injured employee is away from work, the higher an employer's workers' compensation and related business costs will be and the worse the impact of the injury is on the employee.

We often hear about the advantages of early return-to-work, but seldom hear how to successfully do it. Eliminating medically unnecessary lost time by having a procedure that allows and encourages an injured employee to continue to do productive work while recovering benefits both the employer and the employee.

DWC provides seminars, consultations, and a printed guide to help employers develop a process that suits their particular business and workforce needs. The information available through DWC explores work assignment options that may not have been previously considered. Reducing absences and costly turnover are an added bonus of a return-to-work program.

DWC can help employers:

- Learn how to work more effectively with claims adjusters since employer involvement is critical in managing costs and reducing lost time.
- Understand their role and the roles of the treating doctor and claims adjuster.
- Learn how to avoid the pitfalls employers often face when attempting to bring injured employees back to work.
- Identify necessary steps to implement a return-to-work program.
- Make modified job assignments. ▲

Download!

Additional information, including the Making Return to Work - Work - for Your Business and Your Employees guide, can be found on the agency website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rtw/index.html.

Book Your Seminar or Consultation!

To arrange for a return-to-work seminar or consultation, to receive printed copies of the employer guide, or for additional information, call (512) 804-4804 or email pat.crawford@tdi.texas.gov.

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FREE HELP WITH OSHA COMPLIANCE

- Occupational Safety and Health Consultation (OSHCON) Program
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(800) 252-7031 Option 2
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SAFETY AND HEALTH RESOURCES

- Free Safety and Health Publications
www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/videoresources/index.html
- Free Audiovisual Loans
www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/videoresources/avcatalog.html
(512) 804-4620
- Safety Training Courses and Seminars
(512) 804-4610
safetytraining@tdi.texas.gov
- Helpful Safety and Health Resource Links
www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/videoresources/govunivlinks.html

OCCUPATIONAL INJURY AND ILLNESS DATA

- Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII)
www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/sis/nonfatalhomepage.html
(512) 804-5020
InjuryAnalysis@tdi.texas.gov
- Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI)
www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/sis/fathomepage.html
(512) 804-5020
CFOI@tdi.texas.gov

REPORT A SAFETY VIOLATION OR HAZARD

- Safety Violations Hotline
Reports are taken in both English and Spanish and may be made anonymously.
www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/hotline.html
(800) 452-9595

RETURN-TO-WORK PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

- www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rtw/index.html
(512) 804-5000

Subscribe to email alerts when the Safety & Health Update newsletter is published online at www.tdi.texas.gov/alert/dwcsafetyhealth.html. You will also receive information on occupational safety and health matters, safety tips and publications, upcoming training events, training DVD loans, and OSHA updates.

Please forward this newsletter to friends and colleagues interested in preventing workplace injuries and illnesses. Have a safe day!

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