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NEW MANAGEMENT!

The Employers' Advisers Office is now under the Ministry of Labour. Our Executive Director is Dave Haralds.



The Employers' Advisers Office will be exhibiting at the 2017 Fraser Valley Small Business Information Expo in Langley on Nov 7, 2017 and also in Vancouver on January 30, 2018. Join us and 30+ other support programs who provide valuable resources to small businesses! Get your tickets now for the tradeshow and free educational panel discussions: <http://ow.ly/off930fvmsJ>.



Presumptive Clause to be Added to the Act for Mental Disorder Claims – PTSD for First Responders

Labour Minister Harry Bains says the addition of a presumptive clause for First Responders who suffer PTSD, is in the works. Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario legislation already include such a clause.

WorkSafeBC 2016 Annual Report

WorkSafeBC has released their [2016 annual report](#). This report highlights its performance and financial results and includes information about WorkSafeBC's 2017-2019 Service Plan.

2018 Rate Consultation Sessions

WorkSafeBC will be holding information sessions in various locations regarding the proposed [2018 rates](#). To register, go to www.worksafebc.com/rates.

WorkSafeBC – Two-hour Online Training for Joint Committee Members

Here is the [link](#) to the online training for joint committee members offered by WorkSafeBC. This training constitutes 2 of the 8 hours required for committee members. Worker representatives (for workplaces with more than 9 but fewer than 20 workers) require 4 hours of training which may be taken online [here](#). WorkSafeBC is developing a certificate of completion for both these training programs which will be available by November 1. Those who have already taken the training will be able to retrieve a record of completion.



Asbestos Campaign Update - Contractors

On the heels of the Asbestos [homeowner campaign](#), more than 6,000 asbestos mailers were recently mailed to a targeted audience of contractors, asbestos abatement contractors and demolition contractors in BC. Resources for asbestos contractors may be found [here](#).

Enforcement of Requirement to Submit Final Employer Incident Investigation Report (EIIR)

WSBC is following up with employers who have been sent multiple notices requiring the filing of their EIIRs, required under [s. 176\(2\)\(b\)](#) of the Act. In the past few weeks, WSBC has visited more than 41 employers who appear to be deficient in this area.

Employer Resource Re: Storage Racks

To help employers understand [new regulation 4.43.1](#), WorkSafeBC has created a [new web page](#) that includes links to a guideline, primer and FAQs. Clarification and guidance is provided regarding:

- Types of storage racks that are included and excluded
- Competencies to install/uninstall
- Competencies to inspect
- Factors determining frequency of inspections
- What to do when the manufacturer's instructions are unavailable

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