

WCB UPDATE

April 2021

Day of Mourning 2021

The National Day of Mourning is marked every April 28 to remember those who have lost their lives, or suffered injury or illness, due to a work-related incident. It is also a time to re-commit ourselves to safety and health in the workplace and the prevention of further injury, illness and death.

This special day began in Canada and now takes place in more than 100 countries around the world. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, many related events have been cancelled or have moved online.

In Winnipeg, the annual SAFE Workers of Tomorrow Leaders' Walk, which normally takes place along Broadway, has been cancelled for this year. For information about the status of other events, please check the News section of the SAFE Work Manitoba website at safemanitoba.com. The Day of Mourning web page will be updated as more information becomes available. For general information about the National Day of Mourning, visit the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety at www.ccohs.ca.

Regardless of whether or not



you attend an event, please consider pausing at 11 a.m. on April 28 for a moment of silence.

Day of Mourning posters have been included in this mailing for you to post in your workplace.



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 tells you whether or not a business, contractor or subcontractor has complied with the requirements of the WCB. This is important because if a contractor you've hired isn't in good standing with the WCB, you may be liable for the assessment costs on the portion of work they've done for you - and may have your own assessment rates go up if they are injured in the workplace.

The WCB offers a Clearance Request

System, an online portal that allows 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 receive e-mail updates on changes to their clearance status.

Who should get clearance information?

General contractors or any business hiring for the purposes of construction, transportation, janitorial, oil and gas, tow trucks, etc. should get clearance information on their subcontractors before work begins. Clearances are not required for businesses that supply material only. If you are in a non-contract based industry and you see the status

'deemed worker,' or if you can't find your contractor in the system, contact the WCB to verify their status at 204-954-4505 or toll-free in Canada at 1-855-954-4321.

There are two options for accessing the system:

1. General Public Access: Search for businesses by their WCB account number or business name and see their standing with the WCB.

2. Registered User: Once registered, you can create customized, interactive lists of businesses and sub-contractors, and receive e-mail updates if a business changes status. To register, call 204 954-4803 (in Winnipeg) or 1-866-751-9245 (toll-free in Canada).

Learn more at wcb.mb.ca/clearances.

Online Payroll Reporting Still Available

Have you reported your payroll yet? Remember, you're required to report your payroll even if you've missed the deadline or don't anticipate having workers in 2021.

If you haven't used it yet, accessing

the Online Payroll Reporting System is the easiest, fastest and most reliable method of reporting your payroll information. It's a secure Internet system that's available 24/7. At the beginning of the year, you received a notice with an access code that

allows you to log in. If you don't have your access code, please contact Assessments at 204-954-4505.

Learn more at wcb.mb.ca/reporting-payroll.



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 know a worker, committee or workplace that fits the bill, we encourage you to submit a nomination online at safemanitoba.com/safeworkawards.

Enter one of three categories:

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

Awards will be presented at The Safety's gala. Check for details on the virtual gala at thesafety.ca, coming soon!

Deadline for nominations: Friday, May 14, 2021



Steps for Life 2021

Every day in Canada, three workers lose their lives on the job, leaving more than 1,000 families to mourn their loved ones after a workplace tragedy each year.

Threads of Life is an association that supports the healing journey of families who have suffered from a workplace fatality, traumatic life-altering injury or occupational disease.

Each spring, the association holds a five-kilometre walk to raise funds that support affected families. Steps for Life 2021 → Winnipeg will be different due to the COVID-19 pandemic. You can plan your own walk with your household members or participate in any manner that respects local public health guidelines. A virtual opening ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 2. Details, including the time of the ceremony, will be announced at a later date.

Please visit stepsforlife.ca for more information or to register for the walk.



WCB Basics

Does your company understand how to best work with the WCB?
Find out at our free virtual WCB Basics workshops for employers!

May 3/4, May 12/13, May 17/18, June 7/8, June 21/22, August 24/25

- Virtual WCB Basics is now available online via the WebEx platform
- Learn how to report injuries, manage claims and understand your rate

The WCB Basics virtual workshop is split over a day and a half:

Day one: 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Day two: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Register today at wcb.mb.ca/training

For more information 204-954-4662

1-855-954-4321, ext 4662 | RTWProgramServices@wcb.mb.ca



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