

# WCB VOICE



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## Let's Keep Moving Forward. Together.

Manitobans have a good track record of being prepared and putting a high priority on safety, but COVID-19 has presented hazards like no other. The latest campaign by SAFE Work Manitoba, a division of the WCB, highlights the way our culture of safety has helped us respond to the pandemic. While our province has been impacted by COVID-19, we have come together and fared relatively well, in many ways because of our strong culture of safety.



Our province has been developing a stronger focus on workplace safety and health over many years. Manitobans have learned that safety is everybody's responsibility and that we can achieve the most when we work together. During the pandemic, we're taking this same approach to ensure our families, friends and communities remain safe and healthy. We have trusted our public health officials to inform us of the hazard and advise us of how to reduce the risk, including physical distancing, symptom management and good hand hygiene.

As we move forward, we should continue to approach any hazard in the workplace this way – as a team. SAFE Work Manitoba has many resources available to help you stay safe, including tips on returning to the workplace, working from home and dealing with many of the hazards you face in your daily work. See e-learning courses, bulletins and much more at [www.safemanitoba.com](http://www.safemanitoba.com).

## Reporting an Injury Matters

As more and more businesses re-open and workers adapt to a new work reality, it's still important to know the three steps to take if you get hurt at work:

1. Tell your supervisor
2. Get healthcare help if needed
3. Contact the WCB
  - a. Visit [wcb.mb.ca/online-incident-reporting-for-workers](http://wcb.mb.ca/online-incident-reporting-for-workers), or
  - b. Call **204-954-4321** or toll free **1-855-954-4321** between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except statutory holidays).

Following these steps will assist injured workers in receiving the benefits and services they are entitled to so they can focus on recovery and return to work.

For workers whose first language is not English, the WCB has a number of resources available in various languages, including French, German, Tagalog, Spanish, Russian, Punjabi and Mandarin. To request posters, brochures or other information on how to report an injury, email [wcb@wcb.mb.ca](mailto:wcb@wcb.mb.ca).



## COVID-19 Training for Workers

As workers return to the workplace, employers are encouraged to provide information and training to mitigate the risks associated with our newest workplace hazard, COVID-19. Under workplace safety and health legislation, employers are required to ensure that all workers are acquainted with the safety and health hazards they may face in the course of their service. That's why SAFE Work Manitoba is offering a free online training course called **COVID-19: Best Practices for a Safe Workplace**.

This interactive, online course provides simple instruction to help prepare workers on how to reduce the risk of catching or spreading COVID-19 in the workplace, keeping themselves, their co-workers and their customers safe. The 40-minute course complies with provincial health guidelines and teaches workers how to apply the 4 Ps of COVID-19 workplace safety:

- **Physical distancing** - Limit close contact with others
- **Personal hygiene** - Ensure hands and objects are clean
- **Physical environment** - Steps you take to reduce the risk
- **PPE** - Personal Protective Equipment use

The course will be delivered through the SkillsPass learning platform, which allows workers to track their course completions. Upon completion of the training, each worker is issued a **COVID-19: Best Practices for a Safe Workplace** e-certificate that can be shared/scanned or printed and posted for customers and co-workers to see.

For more information and to take the course, visit [safemanitoba.com/e-learning](https://safemanitoba.com/e-learning).

## New App: DRIVR-X at Work

Distracted driving and speeding can be fatal. DRIVR-X at Work, SAFE Work Manitoba's new app, created in partnership with Manitoba Public Insurance, helps drivers understand how their choices have consequences when they drive for work. Try it today! Using your mobile device, go to [safemanitoba.com/drivrxtatwork](https://safemanitoba.com/drivrxtatwork) to download the app for Apple/iOS devices or Android devices.



## Online Safety Training

SAFE Work Manitoba now offers 26 free e-learning courses. These courses cover a range of safety topics and can be completed anywhere you have access to a computer and an internet connection. Learn more at: <https://www.safemanitoba.com/Education/Pages/E-Learning-Courses.aspx>

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we're  
here to help.**

Report all workplace injuries  
by calling (204) 954-4321.