

HEARING LOSS

Information for Service Providers



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For progressive type injuries, including **occupational hearing loss**, the WCB determines the date of the accident to be the date that it receives:

- A Workers Report (Form 6)
- OR
- An Employer's Report (Form 7)
- OR
- A report from a service provider such as an audiologist, or ENT Specialist, indicating that the worker may have occupational hearing loss.
- OR
- The date a worker becomes unable to work as a result of occupational hearing loss.

Service Provider Responsibility

As a service provider, it is important that you submit an audiogram to the WCB for review if there is **any** indication from a worker that their hearing loss could have been caused by their work. In fact, the **Workers Compensation Act** requires you to do this.

If you see a worker who may have occupational hearing loss, the WCB would appreciate you providing them with the **Information for Workers** fact sheet.



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Hearing Loss Benefits

If you have hearing loss that you feel may be caused by working in a noisy environment, you may be entitled to workers compensation benefits.

In order for the WCB to determine whether you are entitled to benefits, you must complete a **Worker's Report (Form 6)** and a **Hearing Loss Questionnaire**, and submit these to the WCB within **six (6) months** of the date of the accident.

Filing A Claim

It is important that you file a claim with the WCB even if you don't require hearing aids at that time. If you file a claim within the **six (6) months** time limit, and if you are determined to have occupational hearing loss, the WCB will support you.

Required forms can be found on the WCB website wcb.pe.ca or can be obtained by calling us at 902-368-5680 or toll-free at 1-800-237-5049.

If you need help completing the forms, please call us or visit the WCB office located at 14 Weymouth St., Charlottetown.



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