

HEARING LOSS

Information for Workers



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For occupational hearing loss, this time starts either:

- the day a report from your employer or your health care provider is received by the WCB
- or the first day that you are unable to work due to occupational hearing loss.

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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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Reporting Occupational Hearing Loss

In the event that a worker reports occupational hearing loss to you, or if your Hearing Conservation Program reveals that a worker may have occupational hearing loss, you **must** submit an **Employer's Report (Form 7)** to the WCB.

Important

You **must** submit an **Employer's Report (Form 7)** regardless of whether or not your worker intends to file a claim, the same as reporting any other workplace accident.

Filing A Claim

To assist your worker in understanding the importance of filing a claim to the WCB in a timely manner, please provide the worker with the **Information for Workers** fact sheet.



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