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Alberta previews workplace injury and fatality records

Template shows which workplace information Albertans will be able to see

Edmonton... Albertans can now see what employer information they will be able to access.

“This is part of our ten-point plan for achieving greater transparency and accountability for occupational health and safety in Alberta,” said Thomas Lukaszuk, Minister of Employment and Immigration. “We want to give people a sense of what is coming as this is new territory for safety information in Canada. It will be much more than what any other jurisdiction is providing.”

Albertans will now be able to see information about worksite injuries and fatalities involving most WCB insured employers. Information for each employer will include:

- Number of lost-time claims
- Estimated number of employees
- Lost-time claim rate
- Number of fatalities
- If the employer holds a Certificate of Recognition (COR)
- Industry and province wide lost-time claim rates for comparison purposes.

The template can be found online at www.employment.alberta.ca/employerrecords . The actual employer records will also be on this page when they are released later this fall.

In addition, new 2009 statistics are online at: www.employment.alberta.ca/ohs-stats. These statistics provide a profile of safety performance by industry and confirm that overall injury rates continue to decline in each sector of the economy. The statistics include the injury and illness records of each industry, characterized by the type of person working, type of event or the type of injury on this site.

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Background: Example Employer Information

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Example Employer Information

Employer Name//Trade Name//City	Identifying information for the company.
Fatalities	Number of WCB-accepted fatalities.
Lost-Time Claims	Number of claims for an occupational injury or disease that causes the worker to have time away from work beyond the day of injury.
Person-Years Estimate	This calculation provides a rough indication of the size of a company's workforce. Person-years worked are estimates calculated from wage and payroll data provided to the WCB by employers. One person-year is equivalent to one full-time worker working for one year, about 2,000 hours worked.
Lost-Time Claim Rate	This calculation is an indication of risk, and shows the number of lost-time claims per 100 person-years worked. The lost-time claim rate represents the probability or risk of a lost-time injury or disease to a worker during a period of one-year work. Comparisons of lost-time claim rates between industries, or between years, can be used to indicate increases, decreases, or differences in this risk.
Industry Lost-Time Claim Rate	The average lost-time claim rate for all employers in this industry.
Provincial Lost-Time Claim Rate	The average lost-time claim rate for all employers in the province.
Certificate of Recognition (COR)	Whether the employer had a COR in any of the five years (2005-2009) being reported on. CORs are awarded to employers who develop health and safety programs meeting established standards. Certificates are issued by Alberta Employment and Immigration and are co-signed by Certifying Partners, organizations committed to improving Alberta workers' health and safety.

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