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BWC eBriefs

Caught on tape: Man fakes workplace injury



A Cleveland man was caught on his employer's security video, stomping a hole in a wooden floor and lowering his foot into the hole. He claimed he suffered a number of injuries. Watch the video on [YouTube](#).

ISSP deadline

Attention public employers: The application period for the Industry-Specific Safety Program runs through Oct. 31. This program offers a 3 percent

Another Billion Back rebates are coming

Public and private employers statewide will begin receiving \$1 billion in workers' compensation rebates this month as a result of Another Billion Back, which was approved by BWC's Board of Directors Sept. 26. It was initially announced by Gov. John Kasich in August.

Eligible employers will receive approximately 60 percent of their billed workers' compensation premiums for the 2012 policy year.

How is this possible? Another Billion Back is the result of sound fiscal management that led to strong investment returns. BWC returned \$1 billion to private employers and public taxing districts through a similar rebate last year.

For more information about Another Billion Back, [click here](#).



More than \$3.5M in safety grants awarded to Ohio employers

BWC recently approved 127 safety grants for public and private employers totaling more than \$3.5 million. The Safety Intervention Grant Program helps employers reduce illnesses and injuries, and creates partnerships with them to establish best practices for accident and injury prevention.

These grants were awarded to employers from 10 different industries in 47 counties. A summary of the grants is available by [clicking here](#).

To learn more about the safety grant program, visit [bwc.ohio.gov](#). You can also watch stories of previous grant recipients on [BWC's YouTube channel](#).

discount to eligible employers for using services offered by BWC's Division of Safety & Hygiene. To learn more, [click here](#).

Safety Update

Learn how to apply for BWC's Safety Innovations competition, read about OSHA's top 10 most-cited violations for 2014, and view new electrical safety videos in BWC's October [Safety Update](#).

BWC teams up with State Fire Marshal, Ohio Department of Commerce to announce funds for firefighter training

BWC Administrator/CEO Steve Buehrer recently traveled to Springfield, Zanesville and Milan to announce the availability of \$1 million in new funding to train approximately 1,000 more firefighters under the State Fire Marshal's Firefighter I training grant program. Fire training schools across Ohio can apply for these grants to train new firefighters or to bring volunteer firefighters up to a more advanced level. He made the announcement with Ohio Department of Commerce Director Andre Porter and State Fire Marshal Larry Flowers.



Approximately 70 percent of Ohio's fire departments are staffed by volunteers. The Firefighter I training program was created by the State Fire Marshal's office to address concerns regarding training levels in rural parts of Ohio, and to offset costs to local governments in those areas.

Update: New payment addresses in effect

Last month, we changed our payment lockbox provider from Chase to Key Bank, and we're no longer using the Columbus address that was in place for many years.

Please use the following address when submitting payments to BWC via mail: Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, P.O. Box 89492, Cleveland, OH 44101-6492.

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