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## BWC eBriefs

**Akron man to serve jail time for workers' comp, social security fraud**



James Van Buskirk worked as an independent construction contractor for his own business while receiving workers' comp and social security benefits. He was sentenced to 30 months in jail in a federal courtroom on Aug. 10. Check out [Fox 8 Cleveland's coverage](#) of this case.

## Safety update

In this month's Safety Update, you can find links to watch the Occupational Safety & Health

## Reminder: Payroll and payments due Aug. 31

Private employers, don't forget to submit your final retrospective payroll reports for Jan. 1 to June 30, 2015, by Aug. 31. Upon submission, BWC will provide you with a transition credit equal to the premium due.

The first invoices under the new prospective billing system were issued in late July, and are due Aug. 31.

As a reminder, BWC is providing a \$1.2 billion transition credit to avoid double-billing employers during this transition.

More information about prospective billing, including videos and webinars, is available at [bwc.ohio.gov](http://bwc.ohio.gov).

## Calling all innovative employers!

BWC is seeking employers who developed or implemented an innovative solution to an occupational safety or health issue for the next Safety Innovations Competition.

Private, public and self-insuring employers in Ohio are invited to apply for the competition, which showcases successful innovations and helps other Ohio employers in their safety efforts by inspiring more innovative solutions.

Innovations can come in many forms, whether it's a change in equipment, machinery, processes or procedures. Employers should be prepared to share how their innovations reduced safety,



Administration's new video on heat stress, read the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health's report outlining engineering controls for exposure to flavorings used in food manufacturing facilities, and more. Check it out on [bwc.ohio.gov](http://bwc.ohio.gov).

### Help Ohio take 10 million steps to prevent falls



One in three older Ohioans will fall this year. Join our partners at the Ohio Department of Aging to take "10 Million Steps to Prevent Falls" as part of National Falls Prevention Awareness Day on Sept. 23. Learn how you can participate and help prevent slips, trips and falls in older Ohioans at [aging.ohio.gov](http://aging.ohio.gov).

ergonomic and occupational health risks for their employees.

The first round of judging starts in October. Finalists will compete for cash awards during the Ohio Safety Congress & Expo 2016, which will be held March 9 to 11, 2016, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Cash prizes range from \$1,000 to \$6,000.

To be eligible, employers must have an Ohio BWC policy number and be current on all monies owed to BWC. The innovations must be currently in use and placed into service between July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2014.

The deadline to apply for the Safety Innovations Competition is Sept. 30. For more information and to apply, visit [bwc.ohio.gov](http://bwc.ohio.gov).

### Notice to Key2Benefits cardholders



KeyBank has added an extra webpage to ensure cardholders can securely access their accounts online. As of Aug. 9, 2015, you must follow these three steps to get to the

Key2Benefits login page.

- Enter the first nine digits of your card number.
- Check the **Remember me** box so that you don't have to re-enter your card number on future visits to the website.
- Click the **Submit** button.

Following these steps will take you to the login page you're used to seeing to access your Key2Benefits account. Continue as usual by entering your **User ID** and **Password** to log in to your account. Everything else will stay the same.

### BWC is ready for ICD-10

BWC will be ready for the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10) national implementation on Oct. 1. BWC, along with its managed care organizations (MCOs), will implement ICD-10 so Health Insurance Portability Act (HIPAA)-compliant providers do not need to make special accommodations.

To facilitate a smooth transition to ICD-10, BWC and the MCOs are implementing measures that allow them to continue processing claims and bills using ICD-9 codes, if necessary, for 90 days past the Oct. 1, 2015, effective date.

### Injury descriptions

Remember for workers' compensation, claims determinations are

based on injury descriptions, not disease codes. Therefore, claims determinations should not be affected by the ICD-10 implementation.

For more information, check out our [ICD-10 Implementation Guiding Principles fact sheet](#) or email BWC's provider relations department at [Feedback.Medical@bwc.state.oh.us](mailto:Feedback.Medical@bwc.state.oh.us).

### Notice to BWC customers who use EDA

Do you access our claims or policy data via a network provider or an alternative means other than our website? If so, please be aware that BWC will be retiring electronic data access (EDA) on Oct. 1, 2015. This means you will no longer be able to get claims and policy information via EDA.

You may access this important data via our website. Please create an e-account to sign in (right side of our home page) and access your information if you have not done so already.

BWC regrets any inconvenience this may cause. Retiring EDA allows us to serve you better by devoting more resources to [bwc.ohio.gov](http://bwc.ohio.gov), where this data is also available.

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