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Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

BWC eNews

BWC wishes you a safe holiday season!



All of us at BWC wish you a happy holiday season and all the best in the New Year! We appreciate your partnership and look forward to working with you in 2017.

Coverage in other states: do you have it?

With the New Year approaching, now is the time to begin planning for 2017. We encourage businesses to evaluate their current

workers' compensation coverage to ensure there are no potential coverage gaps.

Each state has different laws and requirements for workers' compensation coverage. Consider each state where you send employees, and make sure proper coverage is in place.

Many resources are available on our [website](#) to help employers work through requirements for work outside of Ohio. In addition, we work with a private insurer to offer optional coverage to employers with out-of-state exposures.

Through our Other States Coverage offering, employers can secure coverage nationwide in 46 states. From implementation in March 2016 through November 2016, more than 200 employers have secured coverage. These businesses have eliminated potential coverage gaps and compliance issues that may arise when working out of state.

If you're looking to expand your business outside of Ohio, please contact our Other States Coverage unit to discuss your options. We want you to have the proper coverage upfront, so you can avoid any coverage issues and focus on having a successful 2017.

Contact the Other States Coverage unit at 614-728-0535 or bwcotherstatescoverage@bwc.state.oh.us

BWC eBriefs

From the BWC blog

Sue Davis ("Safety Sue"), BWC's Director of Employee Safety & Health Administration, has a simple message that will help keep illness from spreading around workplaces this winter. Read more in her recent blog, "[A handy message for the flu season.](#)"

BWC in the news

BWC measures to provide oversight in the area of opioid prescribing are "essential to balancing the appropriate care required for recovery and overprescribing that endangers the health of injured workers," writes BWC Administrator/CEO

Sarah Morrison in [this letter to the editor](#) that appeared in the Wall Street Journal on Nov. 27.

Safety update

Our monthly safety update keeps you informed on the latest news in workplace health and safety. Learn about OSHA's new fall protection rule, fire safety in the winter months, the most back-breaking jobs and more in the [December Safety Update](#)



Save the dates: Safety Congress and Medical & Health Symposium

Save the date for the Ohio Safety Congress & Expo, the largest and longest running occupational safety, health and workers' compensation event in Ohio. Safety Congress will be March 8-10, 2017, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The second annual Workers' Compensation Medical & Health Symposium for healthcare providers will also run March 9 and 10 at the Columbus Regency Hyatt. For more information on both events, visit the [Safety Congress website](#).



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