

BWC eNews



A very safe and happy holiday season from all of us here at BWC!

We hope your holidays will be filled with joy and laughter. We wish you happiness, health and prosperity in 2019 and look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Injured workers: Sign up now to receive email alerts about your claim

Staying informed about your claim just got easier.

We're now offering a new service that will alert you via email when changes happen in your claim. To start, we'll tell you when we've released a compensation payment. Later, we'll add more options so you can receive alerts when other updates occur in your claim.

If you're interested in signing up for this service, [click here](#) and sign in.

To reach this page on your own, sign in to bwc.ohio.gov. Then, at the bottom of the My Claim page, click Electronic notifications. We hope this service will help you stay on top of your claim.

Important reminders for public employers

Public employers: We have several important reminders about payments, true-up and the Go-Green rebate:

- The first installment for policy year 2019 is due Dec. 21, 2018.
- To earn the 2-percent early payment discount, you must pay your full 2019 estimated annual premium by Jan. 2, 2019.
- Payroll true-up for 2018 will run from Jan. 1 to Feb. 15, 2019. True-up includes completing your report and paying any outstanding balance. Please note, the Go Green Rebate Program requires you to true-up and pay any resulting balance in the same transaction.
- To remain eligible for the Go-Green rebate, you must have enrolled to receive electronic notifications prior to completing your 2018 payroll true-up.
- Please note that the Jan. 2 date for full payment is an extension from the Dec. 31, 2018, deadline recently communicated in the policy renewal documents we sent to you.

The [Go-Green Rebate Program](#) reduces paperwork hassles and helps the environment. Through it, you can earn a 1-percent premium rebate, up to \$2,000 each policy year. If you've not yet done so, you can enroll in electronic notifications by signing in to your account at bwc.ohio.gov.

Your electronic notification preference is listed on your My Policy page. You can change your preferences by clicking on the *Electronic notifications* link. While we encourage you to sign up for BWC updates, Go-Green requires only that you sign up for policy notices.

In addition to receiving electronic notifications, Go-Green requires employers to complete their premium payments and payroll true-up report online. You must also be current on your policy, meeting all payment and reporting requirements. We automatically enroll you in Go-Green when you meet all these requirements. For full details, see the [Go Green Rebate policy](#) online.

If you have questions, please contact our customer service center at 1-800-644-6292. Business hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST.

BWC eBriefs

Safety Update

Winter weather hazards and our new school safety grant are just a few of the topics we cover in the most recent edition of [Safety Update](#), our monthly roundup of the latest in occupational health and safety.

School Safety and Security Grant Program

Our new School Safety and Security Grant Program helps Ohio public and private pre-kindergarten through 12th grade educational facilities ensure the safety of their staff while they're providing instructional services to children. Employers can apply for up to \$40,000 to purchase equipment that will improve the safety and security of facilities and reduce or eliminate injuries or illnesses.

Review eligibility criteria and apply on our [SSSG Program webpage](#).

Coming soon: OSC19 registration

We'll open registration for the [2019 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo](#) (OSC19) in January. OSC19 will take place March 6-8, 2019, in Columbus. Look for more details in next month's edition of *BWC eNews*.

From the BWC Blog



Toy safety is a serious matter, and an especially important consideration this time of year. Check out a few toy safety tips in our recent blog, [Toy safety – make a list and check it twice](#).

Next employer webinar Dec. 20

Our next employer webinar is Thursday, Dec. 20 at 11:30 a.m. Our topics will include what payroll is reportable to BWC, important policy and program dates for public and private employers, the Policy Activity Rebate Program and Opioid Workplace Safety Program, along with our monthly safety tip.

You have the option to [attend online](#), or to visit your local office and [view the webinar with BWC staff](#).

Past webinars are available on our [employer webinars page](#).

BWC in the News

Everyone wants to have a happy holiday season, but getting hurt could ruin the fun. Our Safety Council Manager Michelle Francisco shares some tips on how to prevent falls this holiday season on [this WHIZ TV Zanesville segment](#).

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