## Controlling Workers' Compensation Costs



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### Objectives

#### What You Will Learn:

- basic understanding of how workers' compensation rates are determined and the costs that drive them;
- why your rates are high or low and who controls them;
- NCCI classifications, various rating plan options, and experience rating;
- strategies to control costs, such as loss prevention, administrative, early return-to-work and other claims management controls;
- an overview of the Safety Culture Wheel with an emphasis on a leadership-supported safety culture, employee involvement, and accident prevention.

BWC: Division of Safety & Hygiene Controlling Workers' Compensation Costs

Revised: July 2003

### Agenda

#### 8:30 **Section I**

Course Introduction

#### **Section II**

Safety Culture Wheel

- Leadership
- Systems & Processes

#### **Section III**

Cost effectiveness

Understanding Workers' Compensation Rates

- 10-Step Business Plan
- Manual classifications
- Rating concepts
- Base rating
- Experience rating
- Special programs & grants
- Additional rating plans

#### 11:30 LUNCH

#### 12:30 **Section IV**

Direct & Indirect Costs 10-Step Business Plan

Safety Wheel

- Involvement
- Organizational Style

#### **Section V Risk Strategies**

**Pro-active Claims Management** 

- Early Intervention
- Accident Reduction

Presumptive Authorization

Return to Work

Remain at Work

Transitional Work

Vocational Rehabilitation

• Settlements

#### **Section VI**

Safety Wheel

Measurement & Accountability

Financial Accountability

- How to approach upper management
- How to approach workforce
- Action Plan
- 4:15 Summary
- 4:30 DISMISS

There will be one morning and two afternoon breaks.

### Controlling Workers' Compensation Costs Instructors

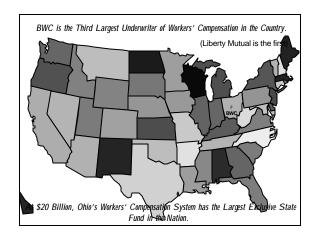
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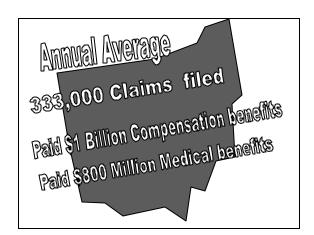
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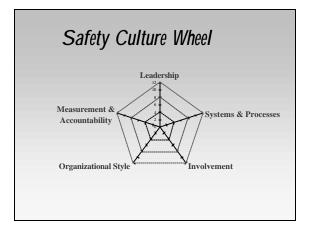


National Rate Trend Industry-wide reduction of 27% over the past 6 years One 75% dividend unprecedented — let alone 5 of them  Business First , Columbus - quoted NCC1 spokesperson Sept. 2000	
Ohio VS. National Rates  Average national rate = \$2.45 per \$100  Average Ohio rate = \$2.39 per \$100  1995 National rate was \$2.97 VS. Ohio \$3.36	

### Controlling Workers' Compensation Costs

Section 2:

Safety Culture Wheel



### Safety Culture Wheel Instructions

- · Consider the questions in each category
- Rate your company on a scale from 0 to 3
  - 0 = Weakness
  - 1 = Some aspects covered
  - 2 = Could be improved
  - 3 = Strength
- Total the points under each category
- Plot the totals onto the corresponding axis.
- Connect the plotted points from axis to adjacent axis.

### Plan of Action

- Action to be taken
- · Who will be assigned
- What date for completion
- Has Action been completed



### Defining Safety Culture

- What are the attitudes of top managers?
- · Why do you think they felt this way?
- What is the most powerful safety tool ever invented?
- What was the bad water, bad fish thing about?



# Safety Culture Wheel Leadership Measurement & Systems & Processes Organizational Style Involvement

### Leadership Leadership commitment to safety is active, visible and lively A clear and inspiring vision has been established for safe performance Safety is viewed and treated as a line management responsibility Safety is clearly perceived as an organizational value on the same level with productivity and quality TOTAL =Line Management President V.P. of V.P. of H. R. V.P. of Sales Mfg. Quality & Customer Safety Production Service Supervisors **Employees** Leadership Leadership commitment to safety is active, visible and lively A clear and inspiring vision has been established for safe performance Safety is viewed and treated as a line management responsibility Safety is clearly perceived as an organizational value on the same level with productivity and quality TOTAL =

### Team Exercise If great safety is zero accidents, do you believe every accident can be prevented? What now? The unexpected happens An accident occurs What now....

Systems & Processes	
Supervisors and workers partner to find & correct systems causes of incidents	
Communication systems are abundant, effective and flow well in all	
directions Training systems deliberately &	
systematically create competency for the right people at the right time	
Safe operating procedures and policies are clearly defined and communicated	
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# Safety Culture Wheel

### The Ohio Division of Safety & Hygiene Leadership Consulting Group

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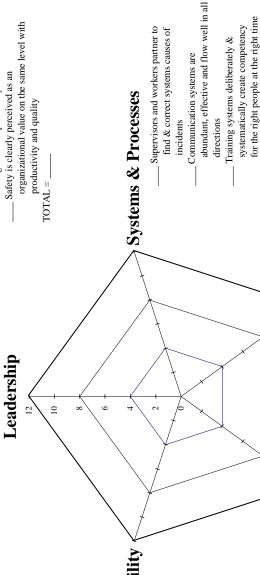
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# Measurement & Accountability

- All levels of the organization have responsibilities clearly defined safety goals and process
- The process of achieving results is a key safety measure
- accountability for safe performance at Performance reviews include all levels
- Supervision is accountable to perform safety observations and feedback
  - TOTAL =

# Organizational Style

Workers are skilled at problem solving & decision making

policies are clearly defined and

communicated

TOTAL =\_

**Involvement** 

Safe operating procedures and

- Labor and management work together to address safety systems issues
  - Team orientation achieves involvement and

There is formal and informal recognition for Positive reinforcement is used regularly

TOTAL =

Bureaucratic obstacles are removed great performance at all levels

Trust & openness are the norm

- Innovation, participation and suggestions are cooperation
  - encouraged at all levels

TOTAL =

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**Involvement** 

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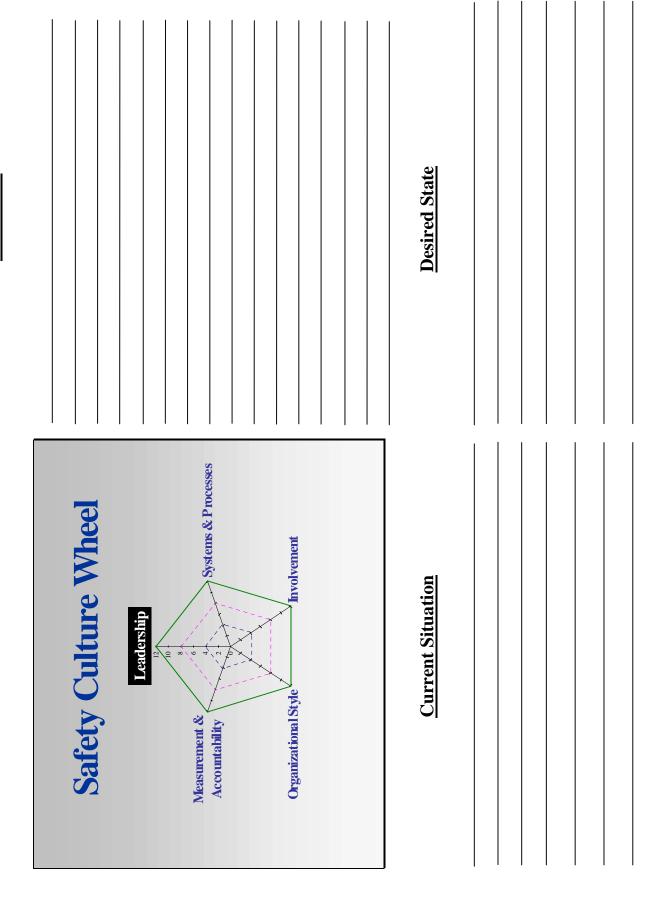


# **Action Plan**

Other people involved   Deadline									
Action step									

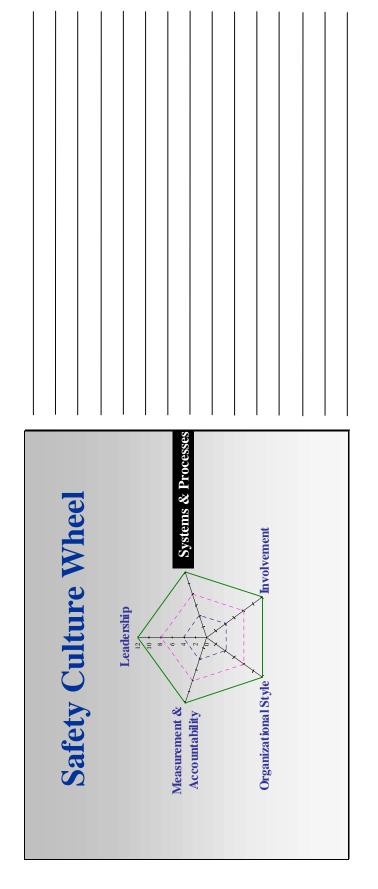
# Leadership

### Comments



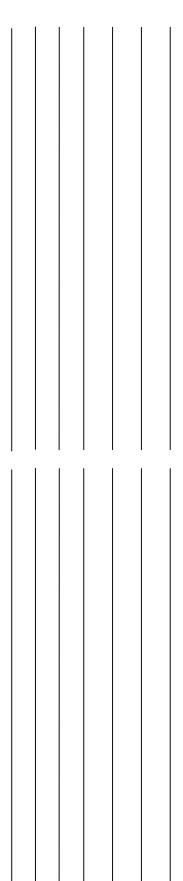
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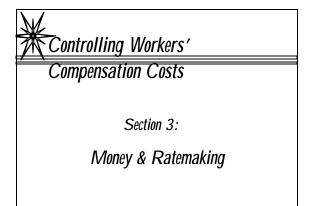
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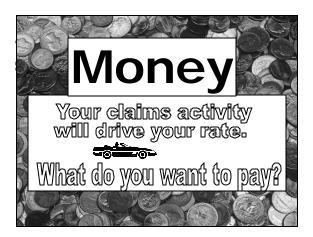


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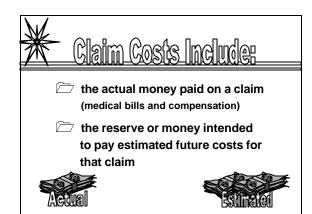
**Current Situation** 









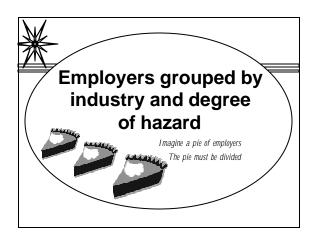


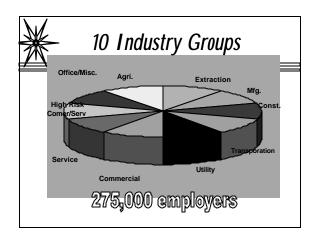
Reserve Exa	ample
Medical	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
TT Compensation	\$10,000
Reserves	\$50,000
Total Value	\$65,000
Value without Reserves	\$15,000

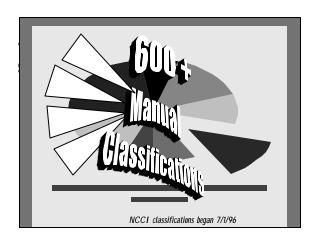
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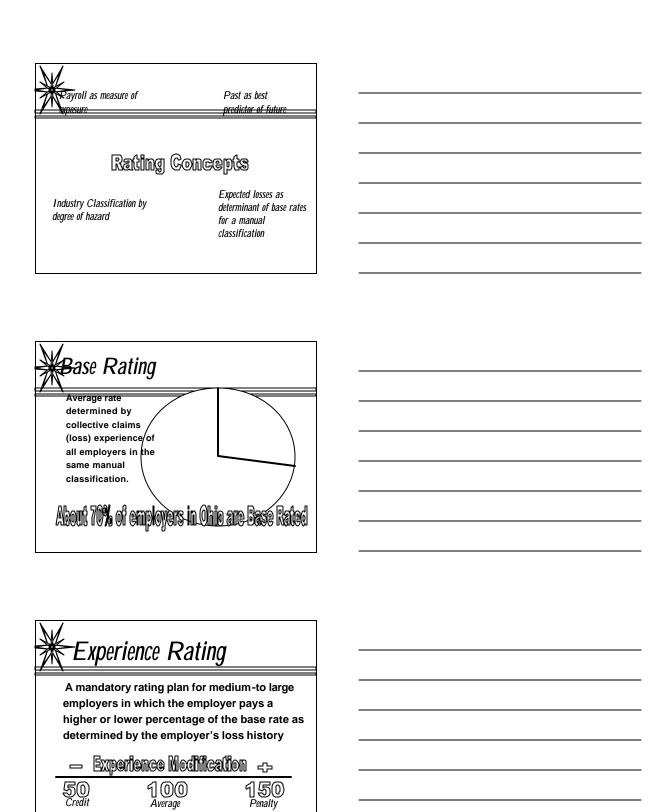
Now, how do we begin to divide the bill equitability so each employer pays the correct premium?

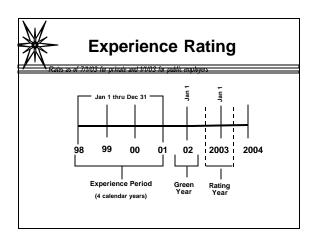
Rate setting spreads costs equitably

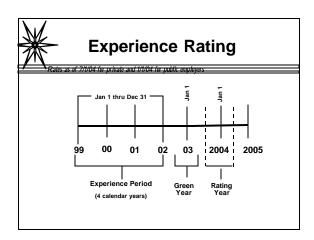


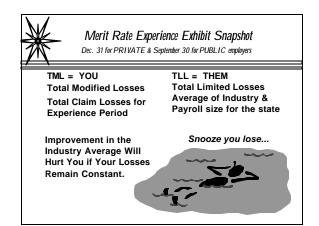






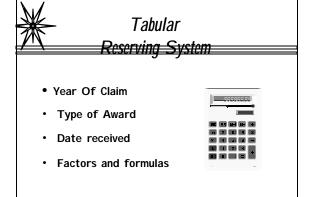






	Credibility and Max	imum Value of a Loss	
Credibility	Expected	Credibility	Group
Group	Losses*	Percent	Maximum Value
1	8,000	0.5	12,500
2	15,000	10	12,500
3	27,000	15	25,000
4	45,000	20	37,500
5	62,500	25	55,000
6	90,000	30	75,000
7 8	122,500 160,000	35 40	87,500 100,000
8	202.500	40	100,000
10	250,000	50	125,000
10		55	
12	302,500	55	137,500
13	360,000		150,000
	422,500	65 70	162,500
14	490,000		175,500
15	562,500	75	187,500
16	640,000	80	200,000
17	722,500	85	212,500
18	810,000	90	225,000
19	902,500	95	237,500
20	1,000,000	100	250,000

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	96-301	Smith,	Mike	8829	09/23/1999	\$0	\$0	\$364	0	\$364	0
	97-408	Palme	r, Robert	8829	08/14/1999	\$0	\$0	\$2,626	0	\$2,626	0
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	99-232	Wagn	er, Julie	8829	03/16/1999	\$385	\$3581	\$13038	26	\$17,004	75%
	99-765	Taylor	, Connie	8829	12/20/1996	\$6,557	\$0	\$3,866	0	\$10,423	0
		Totals:				\$10,974	\$13,252	\$46,224		\$70,451	
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### New Reserve System

### MICRO INSURANCE RESERVING ANALYSIS SYSTEM (MIRA)

Created by HNC Insurance Solutions

Software program with 10 years of BWC history



### MIRA Features

### Individualized Claim Reserving

Cost Drivers Data Elements

> ICD-9 Codes Award Gender Age Classification Others



	ndicates when an	a Eleme IC order may be re	
	NCCI Manual Class Code	25 X-ray/Radiology Paid	
2	Date of Injury	26 Laboratory Paid	
	Claim Status	27 Misc Medical Services	
	C92 Indicator	28 Prosthesis Devices	
	Filing Date	29 Prosthesis Exams	
	RTW Date	30 Ambulance	
	MMI Date	31 Funeral	
	1st Type Accident	32 Travel	
	Benefit Type Code	33 Medical Devices	
	ICD-9 Codes	34 Emergency Room	
	Claimant Gender	35 Court Costs	
	Marital Status	36 Perm Total	
	Claimant Zip Code	37 Temp Total Paid	
	Date of Death	38 Temp Partial Paid	
	Number of Dependents	39 Perm Partial Paid	
	Average Weekly Wage	40 Perm Partial Pct Paid	
	Full Weekly Wage	41 Facial Disfigurement Paid	
	PTD Comp Rate	42 Death Paid	
	Death Comp Rate	43 Change of Occ Paid	
	Hospital Paid	44 Living Maintenance Paid	
	Clinic / Nursing Home	45 Living Maintenance Wage Loss Paid	
	Doctors	46 Wage Loss Paid	
	Nursing Services	47 Attorneys Fees	
24	Drug/Pharmacy Paid	48 MIRA Injury Type	
\ \ \		49 Handicapped %	



### MIRA Reserve Calculation

MIRA will provide the ultimate cost of a claim at a specific point in time with the information available on the claim.





### MIRA Reserve Calculation

MIRA Total Incurred Amount
- BWC Payments made to date

= MIRA Reserve



# Wed 2 Wed

### **MIRA Methodology**

	Total Incurred Cost Prediction	Payments Med/Comp	MIRA Reserve
Week 1	\$50,000	\$500 Med \$500 Comp	\$49,000
Week 2	\$50,000	\$500 Med \$500 Comp	\$48,000
Week 3	\$30,000	\$500 Med \$500 Comp	\$27,000



### Need To Focus On Medical Management

- On-going medical expenses will matter
- Pain management
   Treatments
   Prescriptions





### Need To Focus On Return-To-Work

Medical Only Status = zero reserves

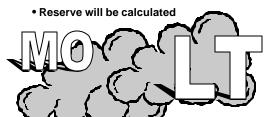
**Lost Time Claims are** automatically reserved





### Percent of Permanent Partial Awards

• Converts a medical only claim to lost time





### MIRA Reserves Stop When...



- · Final settlement/both medical and lost time
- Claim changes from "active" to "inactive"



### MIRA Reserves Stop When...

- 390 days has elapsed since the most current compensation and medical dates.
- No medical or compensation has been paid and the current system date minus the claim filing date is greater than 395 days
- 90 days has passed since the Return To Work Date (only stops Temporary Total reserve "bucket")



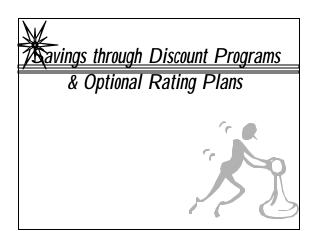


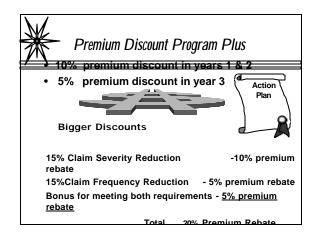
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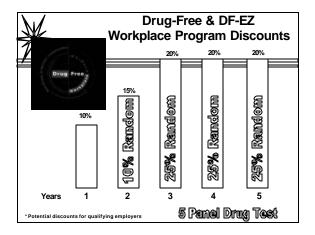
- Date of death unrelated to injury no application for benefits filed
- Death Claim No evidence of a spouse or dependent and the current system date minus the last compensation date is greater than 390 days











### Drug-Free Workplace Program



- → Can stack discount with Group Rating up to Maximum Cap
- DFWP Safety Grants available
   (2 for 1 match up Spend \$5,000
   BWC will match up to \$10,000)

Bigger Discounts for Drug-Free EZ Small Employers



15% claim severity reduction -10% premium rebate
15% claim frequency reduction- 5% premium rebate
Bonus for both requirements - 5% premium rebate

Total 20% premium rebate



- Allows an employer with low claims experience to earn an attractive discount.
- Groups combine payroll and experience of the members to earn a significant discount.

Discounts up to 95% i



### Group Rating

- → Discount is enjoyed without risk for the rating year.
- Average discount for group rating last year =

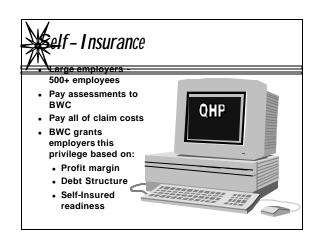


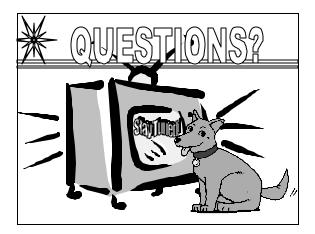
### -Retrospective Rating



- → Employer selects:
  - 7 an individual claim limit
  - a maximum premium (ceiling of claim costs)
- → Employer receives up-front discount.
- Page 2 states and separate separate

Must pay at least \$45,000 premium/year to qualify





Credibility and Maximum Value of a Loss

Group Maximum Value	12,500	12,500	25,000	37,500	55,000	75,000	87,500	100,000	112,500	125,000	137,500	150,000	162,500	175,500	187,500	200,000	212,500	225,000	237,500	250,000
Credibility Percent	05	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	09	65	70	75	80	85	06	95	100
Expected Losses*	8,000	15,000	27,000	45,000	62,500	000'06	122,500	160,000	202,500	250,000	302,500	360,000	422,500	490,000	562,500	640,000	722,500	810,000	902,500	1,000,000
Credibility Group	1	2	3	4	5	9	7	8	6	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

Catastrophe value equals \$250,000 \*Expected losses are lower limits of credibility groups Revised 7-1-2000

# EMPLOYER EXPERIENCE EXHIBIT

Payroll and Losses as of 12/31/2000 Policy Year: 2001

Policy Number: 1234567-0

, co co	Employer Name: Valley Enterprises Doing Business As:	prises		Federal ID: 99-999999		Service Company:	ny: 12		
Address: 115 Andrews Place		City: Homer	mer	State: OH Zij	Zip Code: 43950				
Total Limited Losses:		Difference:	Difference / TLL:	/ Credibility:	Equals	Total Modifier:		Experience Modifier:	Maximum Claim Value
\$33,888	<b>∞</b>	\$36,564	4 1.0790	0.20	0.2158	0.22		1.22	\$37,500
Claimant Manual	Man	lem,		ity		75	Reserve	Total Modified	Handicap
Name Numbe Smith, Mike 8829	Num! 882	oer 9	Date 09/23/1999	Faid \$0	Keserve \$0	Faid \$364	Code	Losses \$364	Percentage 0
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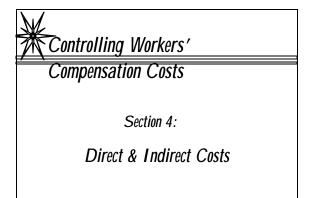
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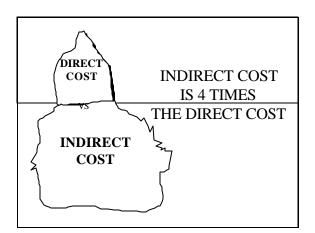
### Claim Data Elements

1 NCCI Manual Class Code	25 X-ray/Radiology Paid
2 Date of Injury	26 Laboratory Paid
3 Claim Status	27 Misc Medical Services
4 C92 Indicator	28 Prosthesis Devices
5 Filing Date	29 Prosthesis Exams
6 RTW Date	30 Ambulance
7 MMI Date	31 Funeral
8 1st Type Accident	32 Travel
9 Benefit Type Code	33 Medical Devices
10 ICD-9 Codes	34 Emergency Room
11 Claimant Gender	35 Court Costs
12 Marital Status	36 Perm Total
13 Claimant Zip Code	37 Temp Total Paid
14 Date of Death	38 Temp Partial Paid
15 Number of Dependents	39 Perm Partial Paid
16 Average Weekly Wage	40 Perm Partial Pct Paid
17 Full Weekly Wage	41 Facial Disfigurement Paid
18 PTD Comp Rate	42 Death Paid
19 Death Comp Rate	43 Change of Occ Paid
20 Hospital Paid	44 Living Maintenance Paid
21 Clinic / Nursing Home	45 Living Maintenance Wage Loss Paid
22 Doctors	46 Wage Loss Paid
23 Nursing Services	47 Attorneys Fees
24 Drug/Pharmacy Paid	48 MIRA Injury Type
	49 Handicapped %





**¬Insured - Direct Costs¬Uninsured - Indirect Costs** 





#### Direct VS

#### Indirect Costs

- Medical Costs
- Compensation Costs Training replacements
- BWC Reserves
- · Hiring replacements
- Overtime (lost work)
- Legal Expenses
- Product / tool damage
- Production delays
- Loss of Business (Customer Goodwill)



rect Costs are 4 times your company's BWC Insured

Medical & Compensation Costs	\$1,500
Compensation Reserve	\$3,500
Total Insured Cost	\$5,000

Total Insured (direct costs) X (indirect costs) factor = \$5,000.00 X 4 times = **\$20,000.00** 

Total Insured (direct costs) + (indirect costs) = \$5,000.00 + \$20,000.00 = \$25,000.00



#### Profitability & your Bottom Line

- Direct Costs totaled \$5,000
- Direct Costs + Indirect costs totaled \$25,000
- Your Company's Profit Margin is 5% from Sales.

Your Company's Sales Department must generate: \$500,000 to compensate for this Loss

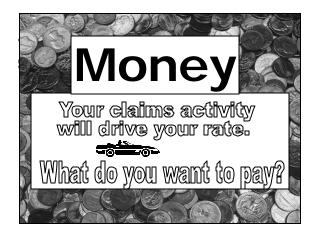
- 1% Company Profit Margin = .... \$2,500,000 2% Company Profit Margin = ..... \$1,250,000
- 5% Company Profit Margin = .... \$ 500,000

#### the Math for your CEO! Your Medical & Comp. Costs Your Compensation Reserves + **BWC Direct Insured Cost** Direct Cost + (4X Direct Cost) = Your Total Your Total Costs / Your profit margin = Sales required to cover your losses. Today's Accident Costs • Today's Average Claim Costs = \$30,000 • Today's Average Profit Margin = 5% • Sales required to cover <u>Direct Costs</u> = \$30,000 / 0.05 = \$600,000 • Sales required to cover Indirect Costs = \$2.4 Million Dollars

#### SAFETY GRANT\$ Cumulative Trauma Disorders (CTDs)

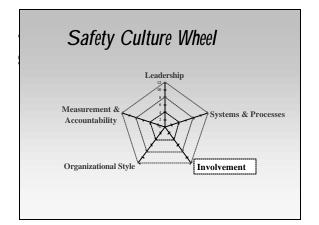
- \$ Private and public employers are eligible for a 4-to-1 matching grant
- \$ Up to a maximum of \$40,000 Example: \$50,000 program (\$10,000 from employer and \$40,000 from BWC.)

Funds must be used to conduct research, purchase equipment or conduct training to reduce the number and severity of CTD claims.

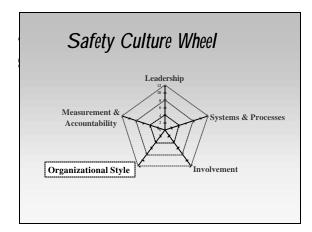




- Compliance focused
- Enforced by mgmt.
- Punish unsafe behavior
- Top down decision making
- Rigid, consistent
- Confrontational
- Values focused
- Exemplified by mgmt.
- Positive reinforcement of safe behavior
- Shared decision making (ownership)
- Dictate policy / proc. Delegate & empower
  - Flexible, innovative
  - Confidence & trust



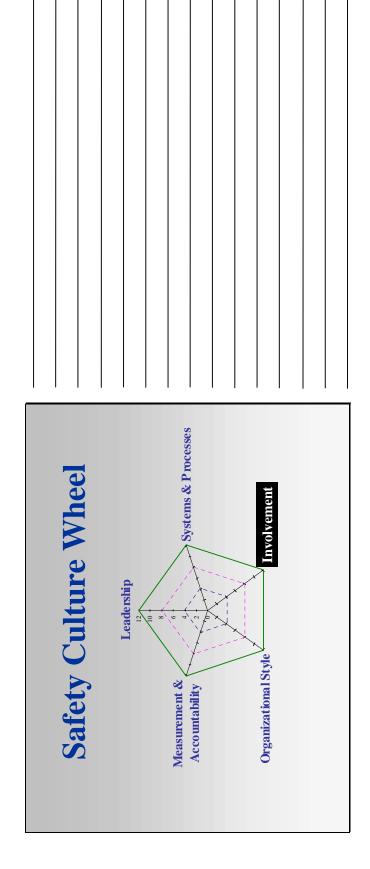
Involvement	
Workers are skilled at problem solving & decision making	
Labor and management work together to address safety systems issues	
Team orientation achieves involvement and cooperation Innovation, participation and suggestions are encouraged at all levels	
TOTAL =	



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Organizational Style	
Trust & openness are the norm	
Positive reinforcement is used regularly Bureaucratic obstacles are removed	
There is formal and informal recognition for great performance at all levels	
TOTAL =	

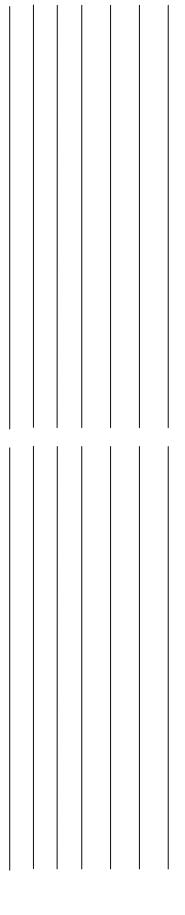
# <u>Involvement</u>

## Comments



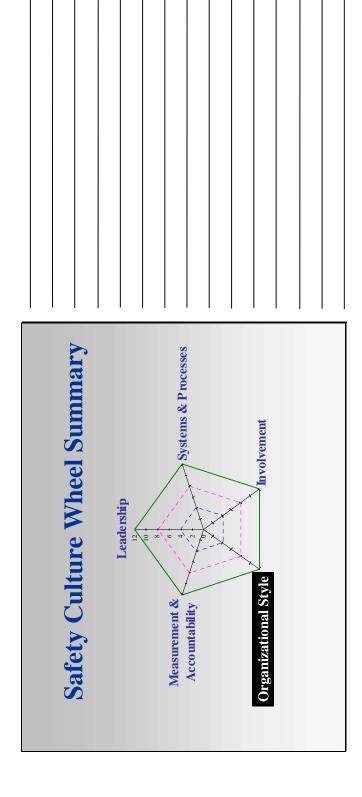
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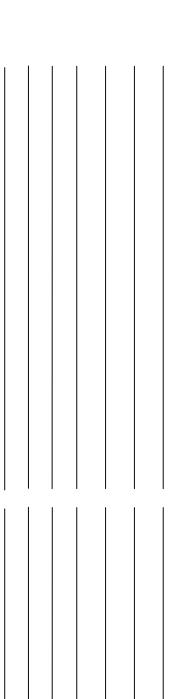
# Organizational Style

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# **Desired State**

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#### Controlling Workers'

#### Compensation Costs

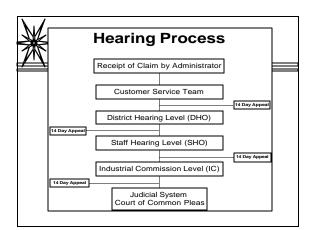
Section 5:
Risk Strategies
Getting to know the basic laws & rules that
govern BWC



#### 4123.95 Liberal Construction

of the Revised Code shall be liberally construed in favor of employees and the dependents of deceased employees.







#### Claims Cost Management

#### Who are the players and what do they do?

- MCO
- BWC
- TPA or legal representative?
- Employer



#### **BWC**

- Manage Medical Approve Medical
- Drive Return-To-**Work Programs**

Treatment

#### Role

•Investigate & determine claim allowance Manage lost time benefits •Adjudicate additional conditions •Determine eligible for Assist with bring the

claim to resolution



#### Third Party Admin.

- Manage Claims for employer
- Settle Claims and/or pursue Handicap Reimbursement
- Represent Employer at I.C. Hearings



#### ₩hat does an employer do in the process?

- Employer and/or MCO Reports claim early
- Investigates accident promptly
- Decides to certify or reject claim
- · Follows up with injured worker
- Coordinates Return-To-Work/Rehab plan with MCO, medical providers, & BWC





#### Medical Only vs. Lost Time Claim

- → Medical Only first consecutive seven days
- ¬ Lost Time − lost time benefits begin on the eight day, after fourteen consecutive days the the first seven are paid.

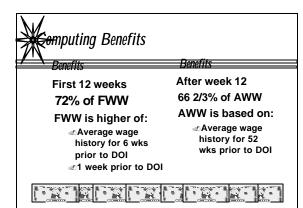


#### Need To Focus On Return-To-Work Policy

BWC pays Temporary Total (TT) = reserve

Salary continuation and/or followed by Living Maintenance = zero reserve

BWC pays TT followed by Living Maintenance = 50% reduction of reserve





#### Other Control Strategies For Claims

#### Management

- Claim settlement
- Recreational waiver
- Handicap reimbursement
- Fraud control
- Subrogation



#### Settlement

- A formal agreement should be completed at least 30 days before the experience period snapshot.
- 30 days must be allowed for Industrial Commission approval.
- Reserve drops to zero



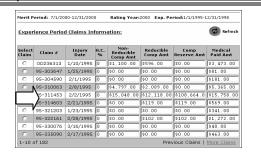


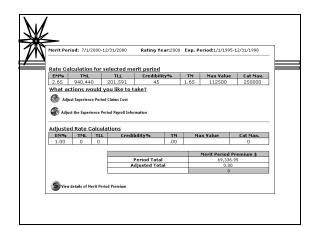
#### Facilitate Settlement

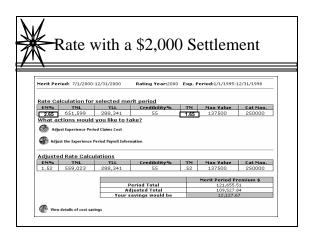
- Settlement efforts should be on-going
- Create a system so Human Resources automatically contacts TPA or attorney when employee departs

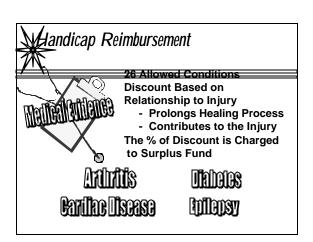


#### Claims Costs 2000 Policy Year

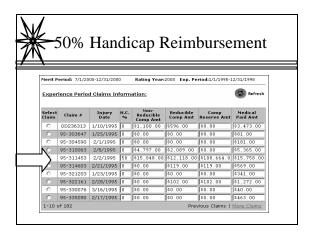


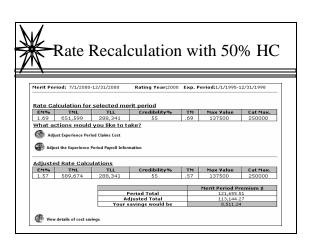








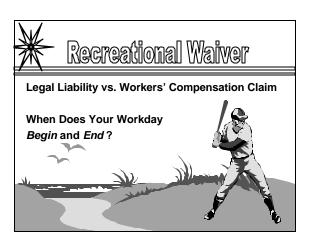




# Subrogation The right to recover benefits from a third party because of negligence Senate Bill 227 effective for claims with a date of injury on or after 4/9/03

#### Most Common Third Party Accidents

- → Medical malpractice
- ⊼ Exposure to toxic fumes
- Machinery accidents
- Animal bites
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#### When should you refer? \*\*Common Red Flag Indicators\*\*

#### **Claimant Fraud**

- Claimant can't be reached.
- Tips from co-workers.
- . No witnesses to accident.
- Cross-outs, white-outs and erasures on forms.
- Date, time and place of accident unknown.
- Specific details if injury not recalled.



#### **Medical Provider Fraud**

- Payment of services not received.
- High cost of medical care relative to injury.
- Length of treatment is inconsistent with injury or disability.
- Claimant receives an unusually high number of prescriptions.

#### Wiolation of a Specific Safety Requirement (VSSR)

- \$ Additional compensation award an injured worker can receive if employer is found to be at fault for the accident.
  Out-of-pocket expense for employer.
- \$ BWC Safety & Hygiene can provide information & education.





#### What is the ultimate goal?

#### "Return to Work"

Same employer Same employer Same Field or Same job Different job New Field (Retrain)



#### Medical Stability for Rehab

- Not acute or post-op
- Not scheduled for more surgery
- Able to participate in active program
   (minimum of 2 x per week)
- (minimum of 3 x per week)
- Not in drug detoxification







#### \$10,000 Compensation

Temporary Total = Comp X 5.0 \$50,000

Living Maintenance = Comp X 2.5 \$25.000

Permanent Partial e Comp X 1.5 \$15,000

This example based on date of injury Oct 1 - Dec. 31, 1999



FWW: \$468 Doo: Injured 12/14/99 - Torn Rotator Cuff AWW: \$390

Temporary Total (TT) (54 weeks) RTW: 12/28/00

Medical Compensation Reserve Total

\$ 8,354 \$14,962 \$183,983 \$207,299

TT (5 weeks) LM (12 weeks) LMWL (37 weeks)

Medical Compensation Reserve Total

\$ 2,987 \$ 1,685 (Plan Services) \$ 3,659 LM

\$ 1,434 \$ 1,665 LMWL \$ 3,370 \$ 8,042

#### How Does MCO Facilitate Rehab

- MCO hires a vocational rehab case manager upon receipt of injured worker eligibility
- MCO e-mails case assignment information to Disability Management Coordinator at BWC



#### Transitional Work Program?

- Early on-site rehabilitation management of an injury benefits both the employer and the injured worker.
- Workers do not go from injury to full capability overnight. The transition is gradual and must be well-calculated to avoid re-injury and ensure success.



#### Benefits of Transitional Work

- Decreased Lost Time
- Decreased Temporary Total
- Increased Productivity
- Decreased Traditional Rehab Costs



#### On-Site Rehab Therapy

- → Convenient for everyone
- → Therapists may recommend ergonomic or job modification

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- Transitioning in real work environment facilitates injured worker progress
- . Works well with collective bargaining



#### Transitional WorkGRANT\$

- BWC will pay employers 80 percent of the development costs, up to a limit, to set up transitional work programs.
- A pre-injury strategy that helps bring workers back to work before they are 100 percent assists both the business and the injured worker



#### Vocational Rehab Services

If an injured worker has not returned to the job 30 days after the optimal return-to-work date, BWC and MCO staff will work together to provide a 30-day assessment, as well as vocational assistance for a safe return to work.

#### Claims Costs 2000 Policy Year

Merit Period: 7/1/2000-12/31/2000 Rating Year: 2000 Exp. Period: 1/1/1995-12/31/1998

#### **Experience Period Claims Information:**



Select Claim	Claim #	Injury Date	H.C. %	Non- Reducible Comp Amt	Reducible Comp Amt	Comp Reserve Amt	Medical Paid Amt	
	OD236313	1/10/1995	0	\$1,100.00	\$596.00	\$0.00	\$3,473.00	
0	95-303647	1/25/1995	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$81.00	
	95-304590	2/1/1995	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$181.00	
0	95-310063	2/8/1995	0	\$4,797.00	\$2,089.00	\$0.00	\$5,365.00	
	5-311453	2/2/1995	0	\$15,048.00	\$12,118.00	\$108,664.0	\$15,758.00	
سقد	95-314603	2/21/1995	0	\$0.00	\$119.00	\$119.00	\$569.00	
	95-321203	1/23/1995	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$341.00	
0	95-322161	2/28/1995	0	\$0.00	\$102.00	\$102.00	\$1,272.00	
	95-330076	3/16/1995	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	
0	95-335090	2/17/1995	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$463.00	
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Merit Period: 7/1/2000-12/31/2000 Rating Year:2000 Exp. Period:1/1/1995-12/31/1998

#### Rate Calculation for selected merit period

EM%	TML	TLL	Credibility%	TM	Max Value	Cat Max.
2.65	940,440	201,591	45	1.65	112500	250000

#### What actions would you like to take?



Adjust Experience Period Claims Cost



Adjust the Experience Period Payroll Information

#### **Adjusted Rate Calculations**

EM%	TML	TLL	Credibility%	TM	Max Value	Cat Max.
1.00	0	0		.00		0

	Merit Period Premium \$
Period Total	69,336.95
Adjusted Total	0.00
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#### Rate with a \$2,000 Settlement

Merit Period: 7/1/2000-12/31/2000 Rating Year: 2000 Exp. Period: 1/1/1995-12/31/1998

#### Rate Calculation for selected merit period

EM%	TML	TLL	Credibility%	TM	Max Value	Cat Max.
1.69	651,599	288,341	55	.69	137500	250000

#### What actions would you like to take?



Adjust Experience Period Claims Cost



Adjust the Experience Period Payroll Information

#### **Adjusted Rate Calculations**

EM%	TML	TLL	Credibility%	TM	Max Value	Cat Max.
1.52	559,023	288,341	55	.52	137500	250000

	Merit Period Premium \$
Period Total	121,655.51
Adjusted Total	109,527.84
Your savings would be	12,127.67



View details of cost savings

#### Handicap Reimbursement

#### Pre-existing conditions

- 1. Epilepsy
- 2. Diabetes
- 3. Cardiac Disease
- 4. Arthritis
- 5. Amputated foot, leg, arm or hand
- 6. Loss of sight of one or both eyes or partial loss of uncorrected vision of more than 75% bilaterally
- 7. Residual disability from poliomyelitis
- 8. Cerebral palsy
- 9. Multiple sclerosis
- 10. Parkinson's disease
- 11. Cerebral vascular accident
- 12. Tuberculosis
- 13. Silicosis
- 14. Psycho-neurotic disability following treatment in a recognized medical or mental institution
- 15. Hemophilia
- 16. Chronic osteomyelitis
- 17. Ankylosis of joints
- 18. Hyper Insulinism
- 19. Muscular dystrophies
- 20. Arterio-sclerosis
- 21. Thrombo-plebitis
- 22. Varicose veins
- 23. Cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases of a firefighter employed by municipal corporation or township as a regular member of a lawfully constituted fire department
- 24. Coal miners pneumoconiosis
- 25. Disability with respect to which an individual has completed a rehabilitation program for a previous injury or claim (ORC 4121.6-69)
- 26. Service connected injury (see ORC 4123.63)

#### 50% Handicap Reimbursement

Rating Year: 2000 Exp. Period: 1/1/1995-12/31/1998 Merit Period: 7/1/2000-12/31/2000 **Experience Period Claims Information:** Refresh Non-Select Injury H.C. Reducible Comp Medical Claim # Reducible Claim Paid Amt Date Comp Amt Reserve Amt Comp Amt  $\circ$ 1/10/1995 |\$1,100.00 \$3,473.00 OD236313 |\$596.00| |\$0.00 \$81.00 O \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 1/25/1995 95-303647 0 95-304590 2/1/1995 I\$0.00 l\$0.00 l\$0.00 |\$181.00 \$4,797.00 \$2,089.00 \$0.00 \$5,365.00 2/8/1995 95-310063 \$15,048.00 \$12,118.00 \$108,664.0 \$15,758.00 95-311453 2/2/1995 95-314603 2/21/1995 \$0.00 \$119.00 \$119.00 \$569.00  $\circ$ \$0.00 **|**\$0.00 \$341.00 1/23/1995 95-321203 I\$0.00 \$1,272.00 2/28/1995 0 \$0.00 \$102.00 \$102.00 95-322161 \$40.00  $\circ$ 3/16/1995 |\$0.00 **|**\$0.00 95-330076 **|**\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$463.00 O 95-335090 2/17/1995 **|**\$0.00|

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# Rate Recalculation with 50% HC

Merit Period: 7/1/2000-12/31/2000 Rating Year:2000 Exp. Period:1/1/1995-12/31/1998

#### Rate Calculation for selected merit period

EM%	TML	TLL	Credibility%	TM	Max Value	Cat Max.
1.69	651,599	288,341	55	.69	137500	250000

#### What actions would you like to take?



Adjust Experience Period Claims Cost



Adjust the Experience Period Payroll Information

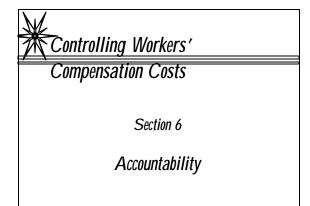
#### **Adjusted Rate Calculations**

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1.57	589,674	288,341	55	.57	137500	250000

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Adjusted Total	113,144.27
Your savings would be	8,511.24



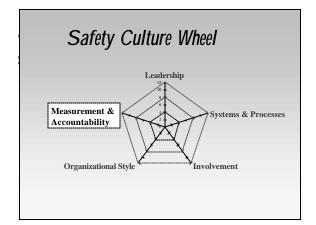
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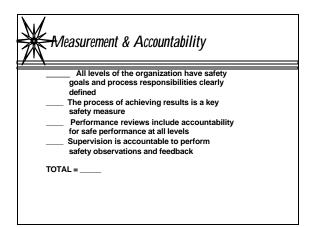


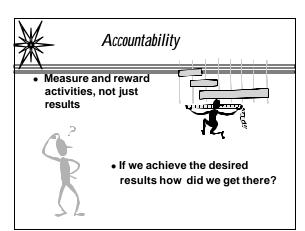


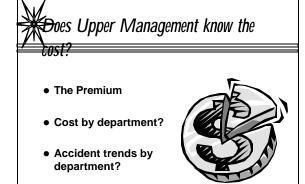
#### Accountability

- Define expectations
- Provide the tools & skills
- Measure performance
- Reward











- Are department budgets impacted by their claims & costs? (Charge backs)
- Or, are the overall costs equally divided among departments?





#### Show Upper Management Options

- Show current rating plan
- Show ultimate rating plan for your organization
- Set a goal for a better plan
- Ask to be empowered so you can get there!

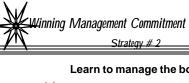


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Strategy #	1

Make it impossible to say "no"



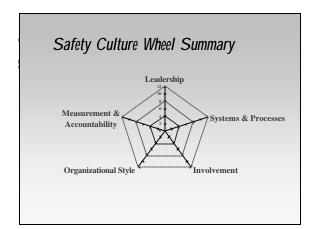
- How is the bosses' success measured?
- Bosses' personal style?
- Cost Accounting for Safety
- Speak the right language

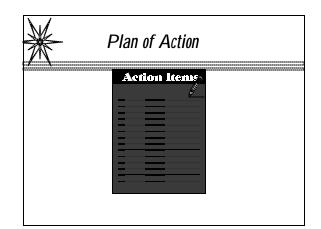


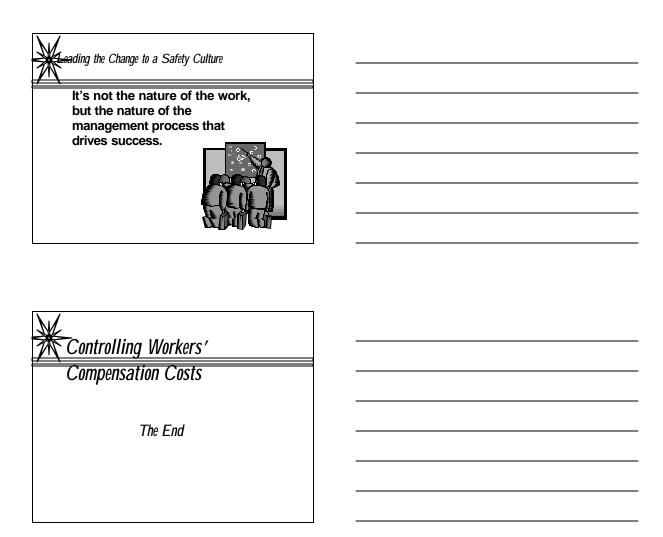
#### Learn to manage the boss



- Identify all problems
- Brainstorm solutions
- Evaluate alternatives
- Prepare and anticipate questions, concerns and objectives
- Propose and justify courses of action

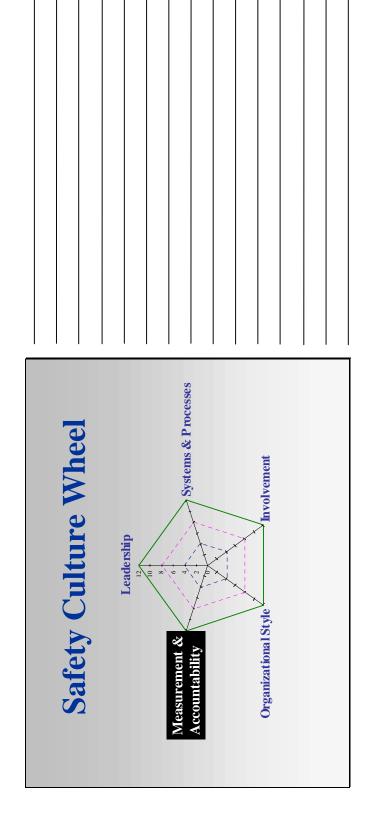






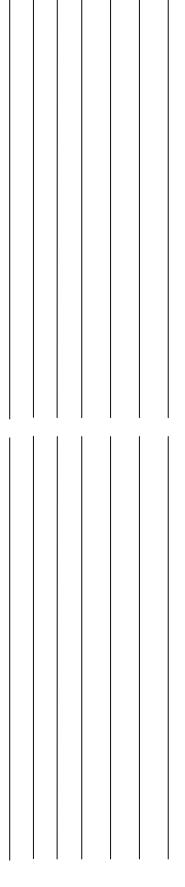
# Measurement & Accountability

## Comments



# **Desired State**

**Current Situation** 



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C-9-A	Request for Additional Medical Documentation for C-9				
C-11	MCO Medical Treatment/Service Decision Appeal				
C-17	Outpatient Medication Invoice				
C-19	Services Invoice				
C-84	Request for Temporary Total Compensation				
C-101	Authorization to Release Medical Information				
C-140	Application for Wage Loss Compensation				
C-190	Justification of Necessity for Seating/Wheeled Mobility				
FEE	Request for the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Fee Schedule	<u>,</u>			
FROI	First Report of an Injury, Occupational Disease or Death				
	Reporting fraud				
MEDCO-12	Request to Change Provider Information				
MEDCO-13	Application for Provider Enrollment and Certification				

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MEDCO-14	Physician's Report of WORK ABILITY		
RH-2	Individualized Vocational Rehabilitation Plan		
RH-5	Trainer's Report	All I	
RH-6	On-the-Job Training Agreement	1	
RH-7	Loan/Release Agreement for Tools and Equipment		
RH-18	Six Month Authorization to Pay Rehabilitation Wage Loss Payments		
RH-19	Employer Incentive Contract	All lines	
RH-21	Vocational Rehabilitation Closure Report		
RH-24	Gradual Return to Work Contract Reimbursement Method		
	Subrogation Referral Form		





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BWC #	Form Title	Description	View/ Print	Online	Order
A-21	Electronic Benefit Card	de			
A-22	A.C.T. Enrollment and Direct Deposit Authorization				
A-35	Direct Deposit ACT Bank Change	40			
C-5	Addition Information for Death Benefits				
C-11	ADR Appeal to the MCO Medical Treatment/Service Decision				
C-17	Outpatient Medication Invoice	1			
C-18	Wage Agreement	1			
C-23	Notice to Change Physician of Record	40			
C-39	Annual Death Benefits Questionnaire				
C-59	Self-Insurer's Agreement as to Compensation on Account of Death				
C-60	Injured Worker Agreement for Reimbursement of Travel Expense				
C-60-A	Injured Worker Reimbursement Rates for Travel Expense	5			
C-77	Injured Worker's Change of Address Notification				
C-84	Request for Temporary Total Compensation				
C-86	Motion	1			
C-92	Application for Determination of Percentage of Permanent Partial Disability or Increase of Permanent Partial Disability			▣	
C-94-A	Wage Statement	1			
C-101	Authorization to Release Medical				

	Information			
C-108	Request for Waiver of Appeal	1		
C-140	Application for Wage Loss Compensation			
C-141	Wage Loss Statement for Job Search	1		
C-159	Waiver Of Workers' Compensation Benefits For Recreational Or Fitness Activities			
C-167-T	Objection to Tentative Order Awarding Permanent Partial Disability Compensation			
C-230	Authorization to Recieve Workers' Compensation Check Settlement Agreement and			
C-240	Application for Approval of Settlement Agreement	1		
FROI	First Report of Injury - Occupational Disease or Death			
	Reporting fraud	All .		
OD-58-22	Application for Adjustment of Claim in Case of Death Due to Occupational Disease			
R-2	Authorization of Representative of Injured Worker			
RH-1	Rehabilitation Agreement	1		
RH-6	On-the-Job Training Agreement	1		
RH-7	Loan/Release Agreement for Tool and Equipment			
RH-10	Injured Worker's Record of Job Search Contacts			
RH-24	Gradual Return to Work Contract Reimbursement Method	1		
SI-28	Filing of Complaint Against Self Insured Employer	1		
SI-42	Self Insured Joint Settlement Agreement and Release			
SI-43	Acknowledgement of the Self-Insured Joint Settlement Agreement and Release			
	Subrogation Referral Form			



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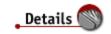


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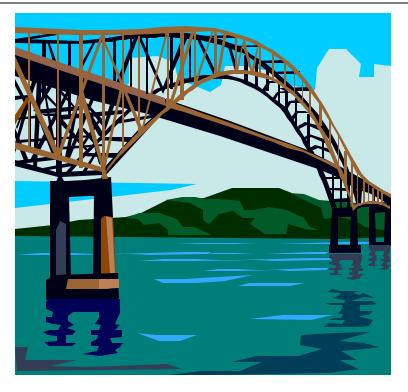
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AC-2	Permanent Authorization				
AC-20	Application for Retrospective Rating				
BWC-7500	Plan of Action	1			
C-11	ADR Appeal to the MCO Medical Treatment/Service Decision				
C-18	Wage Agreement				
C-59	Self-Insurer's Agreement as to Compensation on Account of Death			_	
C-86	Motion	All .			
C-94-A	Wage Statement	de			
C-101	Authorization to Release Medical Information				
C-108	WAIVER of Appeal Period	1			
C-110	Agreement to Select the State of Ohio as the State of Exclusive Remedy				
C-112	Agreement to Select a State Other then Ohio as the State of Exclusive Remedy				
C-159	Waiver of Workers' Compensation Benefits for Recreational or Fitness Activities				
C-167-T	Objection to Tentative Order Awarding Permanent Partial Disability Compensation	y 🐃			
C-240	Settlement Agreement and Application for Approval of Settlement Agreement				
CHP-4A	Application for Handicap				

	Reimbursement				
FROI	First Report of Injury - Occupational Disease or Death	1			
	Reporting fraud	1			
LEGAL-15	Employer Adjudication Protest	All .			
LEGAL-16	Settlement Application for Non- complying Employer Claims	1			
	MCO Selection Form	110			
MEDCO-6	Waiver of Examination	110			
MEDCO-8	Self Insured Employer/Injured Worker Screening	40			
OD-58-22	Application for Adjustment of Claim in Case of Death Due to Occupational Disease				
R-1	Authorization of Representative of Employer	40			
RH-5	Trainer's Report	110			
RH-6	On-the-Job Training Agreement	110			
RH-19	Employer Incentive Contract	1111			
RH-24	Gradual Return to Work Contract Reimbursement Method				
SI-6	Initial Application by Employer for Authority to Pay Compensation Etc. Directly				
SI-7	Self Insurance Renewal	40			
SI-8	Rehabilitation Election				
SI-16	Agreement Between Employer and the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Regarding Amount of Self-Insured Buyout				
SI-28	Filing of Complaint Against Self Insured Employer				
SI-38	Contact of Guaranty				
SI-40	Paid Compensation Report		₽		
SI-41	Handicap Reimbursement Election				
SI-42	Self Insured Joint Settlement Agreement and Release				
SI-43	Acknowledgment of the Self-Insured Joint Settlement Agreement and Release Instructions				
	Subrogation Referral Form				
TWG-100	Transitional WorkGRANT\$ Reimbursement Request	4			
TWG-110	Transitional WorkGRANT\$ Program Agreement		4	_	
U-3	Employer Coverage Application	1	₽	Щ.	
U-3S	Application for Optional Supplemental Coverage			<u> </u>	

U-9	Application for Transfer of Workers' Compensation Account and Premium Obligation to Succeeding Employer		4	
UA-5	Application for the Premium Discount Program +			
U-140	Application for Drug-Free Workplace Program and Drug-Free EZ	40		
U-142	Progress Report- Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free EZ Program			





# Crossing the bridge to a safer workplace

# BWC's Division of Safety & Hygiene Training Center

The Division of Safety & Hygiene wants Ohio workplaces to be safer and healthier by reducing occupational injuries and illnesses. To accomplish this goal, the Training Center emphasizes the importance of applying what you learn in class to your workplace.

Effective July 1, 2003, class participants will have a list of follow-up activities to review as possible steps to take when they return to work. During or at the end of a class, you may choose from among these follow-up activities or customize your own activity as appropriate for your workplace.

When you complete a follow-up activity in your workplace, notify the Training Center. Following notification, a certificate with continuing education credits for the class will be sent to you. You must complete this notification process from your first class in order to be eligible to enroll in a second class.

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(Please see details on reverse side.)

# **Examples of follow-up activities**

- Develop or improve a training program on the class topic;
- Organize a new or improve an existing safety team;
- Conduct a safety audit on one or more machines at work;
- Analyze illness/injury trends;
- Find and document hazardous chemicals to add to Hazard Communication program.

# **Notification process**

Provide the following information when notifying the Training Center of your completed activity:

- 1. Please describe the activity you completed at your workplace as a result of taking the class;
- 2. Who at your company was involved in this activity;
- 3. The impact of this activity on your company;
- 4. What barriers, if any, you encountered;
- 5. How you would like your certificate sent to you (e-mail, fax, or no certificate needed);
- 6. Please estimate the amount of time you spent on this activity.

Methods of notifying the Training Center will be provided when you attend the class.

# **Summary**

- 1. Enroll in one class at a time;
- 2. Attend class:
- 3. Select a follow-up activity that is reasonable and manageable at your workplace;
- 4. Complete the activity;
- 5. Notify the Training Center;
- 6. Receive certificate with continuing education credits;
- 7. Enroll in another class.

# **Exceptions**

- Safety Works for You, Modules 1-7 (See Division Services catalog for course description)
- Safety Works for Kids (See Division Services catalog for course description)
- Students who are unemployed

# **Controlling Workers' Compensation Costs**

# **Follow-up Activities**

- Ask top management to complete the safety culture wheel; follow up with a discussion of the safety culture in our workplace.
- Set up an appointment with the local BWC Employer Service Specialist and my company's top management to review our claims history, our experience exhibit, and how our rates were set.
- With management cooperation, set up a BWC Dolphin account to review our company's claim costs.
- Meet with top management at my workplace to discuss commitment to the safety process, creating a safety vision & mission statement, and making safety the responsibility of leadership, managers, supervisors and workers.
- Meet with top management to develop a post injury process and return to work process.
- Create or modify a safety team / committee at my workplace that assures employee involvement. (i.e., training, self auditing, accident investigation).
- Review the existing safety communication process at my workplace and make suggestions to management for improvement through discussion of safety at both management and employee meetings, distribution of newsletters, payroll stuffers, bulletin board, summaries of meetings, and so forth.
- Present to leadership the direct and indirect costs of claims, profitability loss due to claims activities, and make recommendations to reduce claims costs.
- Review the existing new employee orientation process at my workplace and make recommendations to management of how to add safety to this orientation.
- Determine what, if any, safety programs are in place at my workplace. Review current programs to see if they are adequate. Make recommendations to improve them. Draft new programs as needed.

# Activity Plan

Activity	Other people involved	Target Deadline

# Notification of Completed Activity

Your name (please print)	Locator number of class Date of class
PIN*  Class title  * PI N: First letter of your last name, four digits representing your day & month of birth, the last four digits of your SSN. Example: G03059784	Location of class Location of class Location of class Location of birth, the last four digits of your SSN. Example: G03059784
1. Please describe the activity you completed at your workplace as a result of taking the class.	1a. Wha
	☐ Policies, procedures
	☐ Management directive
	☐ Training
2. Who at your company was involved in this activity?	☐ Housekeeping
	☐ Inspections/audits/assessments
	☐ Tools & equipment
3. What impact did this activity have on your company?	Recordkeeping
-	☐ Written program
	☐ Injury/illness trends
4. What barriers, if any, did you encounter?	☐ Safety team
	Safety culture
	Other
ent to you?	
L E-mail (17 so, please print on line below.)	Fax (11 so, please list on line below.)  I don't need one.
6. Please estimate the amount of time you spent on this activity.	
☐ Less than 1 hour	☐ 3-5 hours ☐ Over 5 hours
	( )

See reverse side for methods of notifying the Training Center of your completed activity.

# Methods of notifying the Training Center of your completed activity

www.ohiobwc.com Internet:

Safety Services

Training Services

Training Center, scroll down to:

Reporting follow-up activity

You can enter your information directly on the electronic Notification form.

safety@bwc.state.oh.us E-mail:

614-365-4974 Fax: 1-800-OHIOBWC (1-800-644-6292), follow the prompts for employer services, then safety services. Call:

Ohio BWC Division of Safety & Hygiene Training Center Attention: Contact Center Mail:

13430 Yarmouth Drive

Pickerington OH 43147

# Statement of Attendance

(Student name)		attended the
(Class title)		class on
(Date)	at (Location)	
Instructor's signature		
Instructor's signature		

# Note to student:

Please enter the class information above prior to asking the instructor to sign it.

After you notify the Training Center of your completed follow-up activity, a certificate with continuing education credits will be sent to you.

# Training Center New Direction Student Questions & Answers

Question: Several of us from our company attended this class. May we work on one

follow-up activity together back at our workplace?

Answer: Yes, but each person needs to individually notify the Training Center of the

completed activity.

Question: If I am not sure what activity I will do back at the workplace, what should I

write on the sign-in sheet?

Answer: Please write your most likely activity. It is OK to change your mind or

modify the activity when you return to the workplace.

Question: Do I have to do an activity on the list?

Answer: No, you can customize an activity that will benefit your workplace.

Question: May I enroll in a second class if the follow-up activity from the first class is

not complete?

Answer: Sorry, no.

Question: Why are you restricting us to enrollment in one class at a time?

Answer: The DSH mission is to prevent injuries & illnesses. DSH is willing to invest

resources in those students who contribute to that mission by improving the

workplace through meaningful activities.

Question: When I am limited to enrollment in one class at a time, how can I plan out my

year of classes? Won't all the classes be full?

Answer: Plan out your classes with at least 4-6 weeks between them, pencil them on

your calendar. Promptly after completing a class, begin your follow-up

activity back at the workplace. When you notify the Training Center of your completed activity, send in your registration for your next class. Starting July 1, everyone will be "in the same boat;" that is, no one can sign up for

more than one class at a time.

Question: Do web-based classes have follow-up activities?

Answer: Yes, but you may enroll in a web-based class and a regular class

simultaneously.

Question: Can I be on a wait list for one class and be enrolled in another class?

Answer: No, you will have to choose whether to be on a wait list or to be enrolled in

another class.

Question: Is "one class at a time" by individual or by company?

Answer: By individual.

Question: Some activities may take longer than others, so it may take months to

complete an activity.

Answer: Here's a suggestion: break down the activity into smaller, but nonetheless

significant, steps. Report to the Training Center the first completed step.

Question: What about PDP companies? All PDP requires them to do is attend a class to

meet their Step 6 requirement.

Answer: For Step 6 credit, BWC will accept the "Statement of Attendance" signed

by your instructor.

Question: What is the fastest method to report my completed activity and get my

updated status, so I may enroll in a future class?

Answer: All methods of reporting will take 1-2 days for updating your status, but you

may send in your registration form for the future class along with your notification form. Within two weeks, you should receive a confirmation

notice of your enrollment in the future class.

Question: Why do I have to write the intended follow-up activity on the sign-in sheet?

Answer: What you have written on the sign-in sheet will be reviewed by BWC staff

members who are responsible for assuring high-quality classes.

Question: What is the purpose behind the new direction?

Answer: It is a way of measuring the effectiveness of the Training Center in

reducing occupational injuries and illnesses.

# Resources Available from the Division of Safety & Hygiene (DSH) Libraries

(800) 644-6292 (614) 466-7388

library@bwc.state.oh.us www.ohiobwc.com

# Safety training:

- Safety talks, outlines and scripts DSH Safety leader's discussion guide, Training Center's One-hour safety presentations, reference books, web resources
- Videos hundreds of safety and health topics
- Books and articles on training techniques

# Machine and equipment safety:

- Safety standards (ANSI, NFPA, CGA)
- Books and articles on power presses, material handling equipment, lockout/tagout, etc.

## Sample written programs:

- DSH program profiles and sample written programs
- Reference books
- Internet resources

# Illness and injury statistics:

- Statistics from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
- National Safety Council's *Injury Facts*
- National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH) studies

## Hazard communication and chemical safety:

- Chemical safety information
- Material safety data sheets (MSDSs)
- Sample written programs
- Videos
- Internet resources

# Safety standards

- American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards (including standards for construction, machinery and equipment, personal protective equipment)
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) fire codes (including the Life Safety Code and the National Electrical Code)
- Compressed Gas Association (CGA) standards

# Other topics of interest (books, articles, magazines, videos and standards):

- Confined spaces
- Electrical safety
- Job safety analysis
- New employee orientation

- Powered industrial trucks
- Respiratory protection
- Scaffolds
- Spill response

Directories and lists of vendors of safety equipment

Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) regulations

Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)

Recommendations of useful Internet sites

**BWC** publications

# **Saving You Time and Research**

Requests for copies of OSHA standards, information on starting a safety committee, a video on accident investigation techniques — these are some of the thousands of inquiries BWC's Division of Safety & Hygiene (DSH) libraries receive each year.

### DSH has two libraries to serve you:

- The central library in the William Green Building in downtown Columbus;
- The resource center and video library located at the Ohio Center for Occupational Safety and Health (OCOSH) in Pickerington.

Both libraries are open 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. Your need for information does not require a visit to the library. You can phone, fax, or e-mail your requests and receive a quick response.

**The central library** provides free information services on the topics of occupational safety and health, workers' compensation and rehabilitation.

**The OCOSH resource center** provides similar services for those who visit OCOSH for meetings and training center classes.

Students from the DSH training center can use the services and collections of the libraries to assist with the completion of their course **follow-up activities**. The librarians have recommended a variety of resources for the follow-up activities and are available to answer questions and provide assistance.

The video library offers an extensive collection of videotapes to supplement your organization's safety and health training program. It is a convenient and popular source for Ohio employers to borrow quality occupational safety- and health-related training aids.

Visit our Web site at www.ohiobwc.com.

Central library 30 W. Spring St., Third Floor Columbus OH 43215-2256 **1-800-OHIOBWC** (614) 466-7388 (614) 644-9634 (fax) library@bwc.state.oh.us

OCOSH resource center 13430 Yarmouth Drive Pickerington OH 43147 **1-800-OHIOBWC** Resource center (614) 728-6464 Video library (614) 644-0018