

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation's (BWC's) special investigations department conducts administrative and criminal investigations in support of the Ohio State Insurance Fund. The department consists of 120 agents and analysts located in offices throughout Ohio.

The department investigates several types of workers' compensation fraud. Cases involve fraud committed by health-care providers, injured workers, attorneys, employers and prescription abuse. Special Investigations also works closely with managed care organizations to ensure criminal and administrative cases are investigated fully, quickly and professionally.

**see it,
report it,
STOP IT!**

Workers' compensation FRAUD



As law enforcement, you know the value of partnering with other organizations during an investigation. To pool resources, talent and time can be a critical element to success.

Stopping fraud: Maintaining communication

BWC's special investigations department maintains an ongoing relationship with federal, state, county and local law enforcement agencies; an open line of communication helps expedite the fraud prosecution process. For additional information, visit ohiobwc.com, or call 1-800-OHIOBWC.

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How BWC can assist you

BWC's special investigations department uses fraud management and claims-related computer applications that hold detailed information about claimants, medical providers, attorneys and employers located throughout the United States and 27 other countries. The following are a few examples of the information BWC can provide to you:

- Claimant demographics (e.g. address, phone number, medical and prescription drug billing histories, etc.);
- Medical provider demographics (e.g. address, phone number, billing histories, etc.);
- Attorney demographics (e.g. address, phone number, client histories, etc.);
- Employer demographics (e.g. address, phone number, coverage and payroll histories, etc.).

Also, all BWC field offices are equipped with state-of-the-art undercover and surveillance tools, which can be used by federal, state, county and local agencies upon request.

How you can assist BWC

To help BWC's special investigations department protect the Ohio State Insurance Fund, we ask you to:

- Report incarcerated individuals suspected of collecting workers' compensation benefits. Ohio law prohibits incarcerated persons from collecting certain types of workers' compensation benefits;
- Report individuals suspected of working while collecting workers' compensation benefits. Ohio law prohibits persons from working while collecting certain types of workers' compensation benefits;
- Report individuals suspected of prescription drug trafficking. A growing number of BWC cases involve the selling and trading of BWC-paid medication for cash or street drugs;
- Report suspected fraudulent acts by medical providers;
- Report suspected fraudulent acts by attorneys;
- Report suspected fraudulent acts by employers.