



Making the Link: Filing for Compensation. Information for patients with lung cancer or mesothelioma exposed to asbestos.

Who can file for Workers' Compensation from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB)?

Workers (retired or still working) or their survivors can submit a claim to the WSIB if they have a diagnosis of lung cancer or asbestos-related disease such as asbestosis or mesothelioma, and if they were exposed to asbestos at work.

What are the benefits for filing for compensation?

Your workplace insurance entitles you to a range of benefits. The benefit most people are familiar with is the replacement of earnings you lose while disabled by workplace illness or injury (benefit for loss of earnings), but a number of other WSIB benefits are available to you including access to medications, and special homecare and life comforts, prescription drugs, medical devices, and even transportation costs. More details can be found on the following:

- [Benefit for Loss of Earnings \(LOE\)](#)
- [Benefit for Non-Economic Loss \(NEL\)](#)
- [Loss of Retirement Income \(LRI\) Benefit](#)
- [Benefit for Future Economic Loss \(FEL\)](#)
- [Health Care Benefits](#)
- [Health Care Equipment and Supplies](#)
- [The Occupational Disease and Survivor Benefits Program](#)
- [Compensation Amounts for Survivors](#)

Spousal Benefits

The WSIB pays a lump sum and monthly payments to survivors and/or dependant children of workers who die from work-related illness or injury. The WSIB provides four types of benefits to survivors of workers who die as a result of workplace illness:

- Survivor payments (lump sum and monthly benefits)
- Funeral and transport costs
- Bereavement counselling
- Support for spouses wishing to rejoin the workforce

Detailed information on these benefits can be obtained in the [Survivor Benefits Guide](#) (PDF).

For more information go to the WSIB website and check their policies on occupational diseases:
http://www.wsib.on.ca/WSIBPortal/faces/WSIBManualListPage?_afGUID=835502100635000504&_afLoop=1484397694566716&_afWindowMode=0&_afWindowId=iqyd72ct_99#%40%3F_afWindowId%3Diiqyd72ct_99%26_afLoop%3D1484397694566716%26_afWindowMode%3D0%26_fGUID%3D835502100635000504%26_adf.ctrl-state%3Diiqyd72ct_115

How do you file for workers' compensation? Submit Form 6

- A worker can make a claim by calling the WSIB General Number Toll Free at 1-800-387-0750 or (416) 344-1000 and ask for assistance.
- The worker needs to file a Form 6 to the WSIB (your physician will file a Form 8).
- Form 6 is now filled in online. On the Quick Links on the right-hand-side of this page page, you can find a link to the eForm 6:

http://www.wsib.on.ca/WSIBPortal/faces/WSIBStreamPage?fGUID=835502100635000219&_afLoop=1569800609068716&_afWindowMode=0&_afWindowId=yv0w2x8y6_47#%40%3F_afWindowId%3Dyv0w2x8y6_47%26_afLoop%3D1569800609068716%26_afWindowMode%3D0%26fGUID%3D835502100635000219%26_adf.ctrl-state%3Dyv0w2x8y6_71

To file your eForm 6, you need the following information. The Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW) can help you bring this information together and help you file for compensation.

- Worker information (i.e. name, date of birth, address)
- Employer information (i.e. name, address)
- Accident/Illness details (i.e. date of accident, area of injury)
- Health care information (i.e. treatment date & location)
- Employment information (i.e. work schedule, earnings)
- After you submit this report, you'll receive a 4-digit confirmation number. There is no need for you to fax or mail another copy of this report to the WSIB.

How does your Provider help you file for workers' compensation? Submit Form 8

Physicians, Chiropractors, Physiotherapists and Registered Nurses Extended Class (RN EC) use a [Form 8](#) (281.2kb, PDF) to provide medical information to the WSIB.

The Form 8 is used whether by your provider whether you think that your illness is related to your work or whether the Provider believe it is. Section 37 of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act provides the legal authority for health care practitioners, hospitals and health facilities to submit, without consent, information relating to a worker claiming benefits to the WSIB.

Send Form 8 to:

Workplace Safety and Insurance Board
Central Registration and Document Management
200 Front St. West
Toronto M5V 3J1
Fax: 416-344-4684 or 1-888-313-737