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## WSIB INFORMATION – November, 2024

*Some of the questions that have come across my desk lately...*

**1) Question: Can the family of a deceased injured worker file a claim with WSIB hoping to get a settlement?**

**Answer:** Yes in fact, the Local is currently dealing with these types of claims so that the families of injured/deceased workers can be compensated. The most common type of claim we are dealing with is exposure to asbestos. These claims are often difficult and can be very time consuming. WSIB will require medical documentation and this can be challenging, especially when a persons' doctor has moved or retired. WSIB will want confirmation that a deceased worker was exposed and will want time frames of where and when this happened. This often involves tracking down co-workers and even trying to get employers to provide documentation that asbestos was in the workplace.

**2) Question: If I as an injured worker need accommodations, what is the best way for me to show my employer what I need?**

**Answer:** When an injury/accident happens and accommodations are required, the best way to do this is with a WSIB Functional Abilities Form. This form can be found online or simply call the union hall and we can provide you with one. If you have a claim number, simply supply the claim number at the doctor's office and they will bill WSIB directly.

**3) Question: If I suffered a workplace injury and I don't fully re-cover, does the claim just end there?**

**Answer:** No, if you are injured and cannot make a full recovery then WSIB will say you have reached your Maximum Medical Recovery (MMR) and this will be considered a permanent impairment. At this time WSIB will then consider you for a Non-Economical Loss award ( NEL). This is a payment made to you by WSIB for such things as loss of enjoyment of life and/or pain and suffering.

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