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COURSES - ONLINE

To support workplaces during the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, CCOHS have made helpful products and resources free of charge until March 31, 2021

Source:
https://www.ccohs.ca/products/courses/course_listing.html

COLD ENVIRONMENTS – WORKING IN THE COLD

What is the wind chill temperature?



At any temperature, you feel colder as the wind speed increases. The combined effect of cold air and wind speed is expressed simply as the “wind chill” temperature in degrees Celsius or Fahrenheit. It is essentially the air temperature that would feel the same on exposed human flesh as the given combination of air temperature and wind speed. It can be used as a general guideline for deciding clothing requirements and the possible health effects of cold.

In Canada, the term “wind chill” or “wind chill index” is used. This factor is a measurement of a heat loss rate caused by exposure to wind and is expressed in temperature-like units.

Environment and Climate Change Canada have produced a [Wind Chill Temperature Index](#) and guides to help estimate wind chill and wind speed.

Source:
https://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/phys_agents/cold_working.html

GUIDELINES FOR THE PREVENTION OF SOFT TISSUE INJURIES

This guideline provides practical advice in preventing soft tissue injuries. The guideline outlines how to recognize, evaluate and control risks of soft tissue injury arising from physical tasks in the workplace.

Source:
<https://www.mun.ca/safetynet/library/OHandS/PreventionofSoftTissueInjuries.pdf>



REVISED WCB POLICIES

The WCB Board of Directors has approved amendments to the following policies:

- [POL-48, Internal Reconsideration](#)
- [POL-86, Temporary Wage Loss Benefits](#), previously titled *Wage Loss Benefits*
- [POL-85, Extended Wage Loss Benefits](#), previously titled *Review of Benefits*. This incorporates content from WCB policy, POL-116, Estimating Earning Capacity, which is now rescinded.

Information about the changes can be found in the History section of each policy. The WCB thanks all stakeholders who participated in the consultation process.

Source:
<http://www.wcb.pe.ca/Information/NewsAndAnnouncements>

DRAFT WCB POLICIES FOR FEEDBACK

The WCB Board of Directors has approved, in principle, changes to the following policies:

- POL-04, Access to Information - Worker Claim Files, under the new title *Access to Worker Claim Information*
- POL-153, Medical Cannabis

WCB invites you to provide feedback on the draft policies by **January 14, 2021** in the [Policy Consultation](#) section of their website. Source: <http://www.wcb.pe.ca/Information/NewsItem/516>

The PEI Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Advisory Council is requesting feedback on proposed amendments to the OHS Act General Regulations and OHS Act Fall Protection Regulations. The purpose of the amendments is to harmonize regulatory requirements across jurisdictions, update references to standards and provide consistent terminology. Deadline for feedback: **January 17, 2021**

Source: www.wcb.pe.ca/Information/LegislativeReview (Draft Occupational Health and Safety General Regulations and Fall Protection Regulations.)