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Internal Responsibility System

The Occupational Health and Safety Act on Prince Edward Island is based on the Internal Responsibility System.

The Internal Responsibility System places the responsibility for workplace health and safety on everyone in the workplace.

Employers are responsible for maintaining safe environments by providing adequate equipment and training about hazards and safe practices. In turn, workers are responsible to report safety hazards and to follow safe work practices.

The goal of the Internal Responsibility System is to reduce the incidence of workplace injury and illness. This system is effective when everyone works together.

The WCB supports the Internal Responsibility System by:

- Establishing and clarifying the responsibilities of all workplaces.
- Supporting workers, employers, associations

and educators in building and maintaining healthy and safe workplaces.

- Intervening when safety responsibilities are not carried out.

For more information about how you can contribute to the Internal Responsibility System in your workplace, please contact the WCB Office at 902-368-5680.

Source:
<http://www.wcb.pe.ca/Workplace/InternalResponsibilityModel>

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Injured Worker Survey

The Workers Compensation Board has a biennial Worker Survey on their website. The telephone survey is being conducted by an independent research firm, Narrative Research, who will ask WCB clients about their satisfaction with WCB programs and services. Participation is entirely voluntary and confidential.

For questions on this survey contact: Jenny White, Information Specialist, jwhite@wcb.pe.ca or 902-368-6368.

Source: <http://www.wcb.pe.ca/Information/NewsItem/514>

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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.)