

Reporting Serious Injuries

When a serious injury occurs at a workplace, the employer is required to notify the Workers Compensation Board's Occupational Health and Safety Division **immediately**.

What is a serious injury?

A serious injury can include any of the following:

- unconsciousness
- a fracture
- a loss of a limb
- substantial loss of blood
- an amputation of leg, arm, hand or foot
- a burn to a major portion of the body
- loss of sight in an eye
- a fatality

The scene of an accident that causes a serious injury must not be disturbed except to the extent it is necessary to:

- attend to persons injured or killed;
- prevent further injuries; or
- protect property that is endangered as a result of the accident.

In the above cases, the scene of the accident must be preserved until directed by an Occupational Health and Safety Officer.

If an accidental explosion occurs in a workplace, the employer must notify the WCB Occupational Health and Safety Division, regardless of whether anyone is injured.

What information should be provided?

When reporting a serious injury, the following information should be provided:

- the nature of the accident and injury
- the date, time and location of the accident
- the name of the employer and the location of the accident
- the name of each person involved in the accident



Health and Safety Emergency Phone Number: 902-628-7513

An Occupational Health & Safety Officer is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to respond to emergency calls. For non-emergency calls during working hours, please call 902-368-5680 or toll free at 1-800-237-5049.