

# February 2021 BWC News from CareWorks Comp

*“Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened.”*

~Winston S. Churchill

## Ohio BWC Safety Congress Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the 2021 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo (OSC21)! Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, OSC21 will be a completely online event, including our first-ever digital expo.

Visit the [OSC21 website](#) for more information and to register for the event, which will stream live March 10-11, 2021. Now in its 91<sup>st</sup> year, the Ohio Safety Congress & Expo is the largest and longest-running regional occupational safety, health and workers' compensation conference in the U.S.

More than 4,000 representatives from Ohio businesses and government are expected to attend the event to discover the strategies and tools needed for a healthy, safe, and productive workforce. The event offers topics on organizational behavior, safety leadership, emerging trends, and mental health. Participants can visit the digital expo marketplace, compete in a scavenger hunt, download resources, earn attendance credit and chat with others.

## 2-Hour Safety Training Requirement for 2020 Policy Year Deadline is 6/30/2021

### **2020 Rating Year—BWC Rule—ORC 4123-17-68**

Group Rated and Group Retro Rated employers who have had a claim from July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, have to complete a required two hours of safety training by June 30, 2021. BWC's requirement applies to any allowed claim an employer had from 7/1/18-9/30/19, regardless of size or severity. Two hours is the minimum amount of safety training mandated by the BWC. Only one person from the employer needs to take this safety training. If an employer experienced more than one claim within this period, they are still only obligated to attend two hours of safety training. If an employer has multiple policy numbers, they must attend two hours of safety training per policy. For more information about all the Ohio BWC's training opportunities, visit the BWC's Learning Center at: [BWC Learning Center Login](#)

## **Selling? Merging? Closing? Spinning off? Let us know!**

When it comes to mergers, acquisitions, closing or even spinning off a portion of your business into a separate entity, CareWorks Comp needs to know! Plus, there are certain forms that need to be completed to let the Ohio BWC know what is going on with your company as well. Contact your Account Executive at CareWorks Comp TPA or call our main number at 1.800.837.3200.

## **Deadline extended for HVAC assistance program**

The Ohio BWC has extended their deadline to apply for reimbursement for eligible expenses under their COVID-19 Indoor Air Quality Assistance Program to March 31, 2021. This federally funded program provides reimbursement for nursing homes, assisted living centers, and adult day centers that invest in air quality improvements that reduce the spread of COVID-19. This may include the costs of inspections, assessments, maintenance, and improvements to indoor heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. It also provides reimbursement for secondary devices designed to destroy bacteria, mold, and viruses. [Read more, including eligibility requirements, on the BWC's website.](#)