



Workers' Compensation Board Information Fact Sheet For Emergency Services Workers (Volunteers)



Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) Coverage for Emergency Services Workers (volunteers) features:

- Compensation benefits paid to replace or compensate for lost income; volunteers are paid 90 percent of net wages up to a maximum amount of \$3,546.43 monthly.
- Claimants receive their first compensation from WCB within 14 days of validating a claim.
- Compensation benefits are paid directly to the "Claimant".
- Compensation benefits are paid while medical evidence shows that the claimant is unable to return to work due to injury.
- WCB coverage begins when the volunteer (who has been assigned to an event) gets into his/her vehicle (in order to report to the event) and continues until the volunteer gets out of his/her vehicle upon arriving home (directly from the event).
- WCB coverage is **not** available for SAR fundraising activities.
- WCB coverage **is** available for training events.

For more information contact Alberta Emergency Management Agency or SAR Alberta.

Responsibility of the Emergency Services Worker:

- All emergency services workers **MUST**:
 - REGISTER with their search group;
 - Check in/or be assigned to the event to ensure WCB coverage.
 - Advise their search group leader/manager as soon as possible of any injury.
 - Submit completed "Worker's Report" Form #C060 to the WCB as per the information in the WCB Worker Handbook (January 2007).

Responsibility of the Claimant:

Claimants must:

- Maintain regular contact with all required parties, (employer, WCB and health care providers).
- Ensure the health care provider reports to the WCB.
- Follow the treatment plans developed by the health care providers.
- Advise of possible return-to-work date.
- Be aware of options for modified or suitable work.

Responsibility of the SAR Organization:

- Report work-related injuries immediately to WCB.
- Provide or pay the cost of immediate first aid and immediate transportation



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from the injury site to a medical treatment facility. (Adequate means of transport (land, air and water) must be available at all times).

- Provide the volunteer with a copy of the *Employer's Report or Injury or Occupational Disease* and a copy of the accident record.

Responsibility of the Employer:

- Work with WCB and health care providers to develop a safe, effective return to work plan for the worker.
- Within 24 hours notify WCB that the volunteer has returned to work.

References: WCB - Alberta WORKER Handbook (January 2007)
(copies of forms and handbook available on the WCB Website)

Website Information

WCB Website: <http://www.wdb.ab.ca./onlineservices/employer.asp>

AEMA Website: <http://www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/ema>

SAR Alberta Website: <http://www@saralberta.org>