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IHSA Safety Resources and News

IHSA Safety Talk: Safety at home

The purpose of delivering safety talks and providing health and safety training is to encourage you to work safely and to think about health and safety at work. Right now most of us are spending vast amounts of time at home with family and friends.

Just like at work, at-home incidents are caused by improper practices and lack of precautions and protection. That's why safe practices at home are just as important as safety on the job.

Read the safety talk on [Safety at home](#).

Reminder: IHSA COVID-19 safety resources available online

IHSA has created a [COVID-19 resource page](#) to provide information to its members. We are closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation in Ontario and will continue following recommendations from Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and guidance from the Government of Canada. This page will be updated on a regular basis.

eLearning options available

IHSA offers fully interactive online multimedia training programs. The do-it-yourself training often features graphics, video, and sound. Users can proceed at their own pace, testing their knowledge along the way.

Visit IHSA's [eLearning page](#).

Filing WSIB COVID-19 claims online

While the nature of some people's work may put them at greater risk of contracting the virus, for example those treating someone with COVID-19, any claims received by the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) will need to be adjudicated on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the facts and circumstances.

- If you contracted COVID-19 while at work (you have a diagnosis or symptoms of COVID-19), you may file a claim to determine if you are eligible for WSIB coverage.
- If you believe you were exposed to COVID-19 while at work, but you are not ill at this time (you do not have a diagnosis or symptoms of COVID-19), please do not file a claim. Instead, you can file an exposure incident form through the Program for Exposure Incident Reporting (PEIR) or Construction Exposure Incident Reporting (CEIR) programs. These are voluntary reporting programs and you will be assigned an incident number. If you become ill in the future, the WSIB will be able to process your claim faster.

To report an exposure, please complete and fax the appropriate form below to 1-888-313-7373 or call the WSIB at 1-800-387-0750, Monday to Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Construction sector: [Worker's Construction Exposure Incident Form \(PDF\)](#) or [Employer's Construction Exposure Incident Form \(PDF\)](#)

For additional information, please visit the [WSIB website](#).