

HEARING LOSS

Information for Workers

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- **their employer**
- **a health care provider**
- **or to the WCB.**

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Hearing Loss Benefits

If you have hearing loss that you feel may be caused by working in a noisy environment, you may be entitled to workers compensation benefits.

In order for the WCB to determine whether you are entitled to benefits, you must complete a **Worker's Report (Form 6)** and a **Hearing Loss Questionnaire**, and submit these to the WCB within **six (6) months** of the date of the accident.

Filing A Claim

It is important that you file a claim with the WCB even if you don't require hearing aids at that time. If you file a claim within the **six (6) months** time limit, and if you are determined to have occupational hearing loss, the WCB will support you.

Required forms can be found on the WCB website **wcb.pe.ca** or can be obtained by calling us at 902-368-5680 or toll-free at 1-800-237-5049.

If you need help completing the forms, please call us or visit the WCB office located at 14 Weymouth St., Charlottetown.







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Reporting Occupational Hearing Loss

In the event that a worker reports occupational hearing loss to you, or if your Hearing Conservation Program reveals that a worker may have occupational hearing loss, you **must** submit an **Employer's Report (Form 7)** to the WCB.

Important

You **must** submit an **Employer's Report (Form 7)** regardless of whether or not your worker intends to file a claim, the same as reporting any other workplace accident.

Filing A Claim

To assist your worker in understanding the importance of filing a claim to the WCB in a timely manner, please provide the worker with the **Information for Workers** fact sheet.







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