

## Protocol for WSBC Exposure Registry Program Reporting

Due to the latency and long period of exposure required for the onset of some occupational diseases, WorkSafeBC has developed an [Exposure Registry Program](#) as a way for workers, employers, or health care providers to register a worker's exposure to a harmful substance at work. The information obtained through the registry will be kept as a permanent record of a worker's exposure and will assist WorkSafeBC in the adjudication of any future claim for occupational disease caused by the workplace exposure.

The Exposure Registry is a voluntary reporting program to assist with compensation decisions. It is not intended to trigger incident investigations, nor is it intended to further prevention efforts. Although a worker may file an Exposure Registry report, the employer should be aware that they have taken this action in order to ensure the employer has documentation. Workers should be advised to report all exposure concerns to their supervisor.

### Roles & Responsibilities

**WSBC Claims Associate** – Responsible for entering data into the Exposure Registry Report on behalf of the employer.

**Occupational & Preventive Health (OPH)** – Responsible for advising if potential exposure could result in latent occupational disease, and therefore could warrant reporting through the Exposure Registry.

**Safety & Risk Services** – Responsible for advising on incident reporting in CAIRS, and providing subject matter expertise and assessment on potential exposures.

**Supervisor/Manager** – Responsible for reporting possible exposure incidents in CAIRS or to Safety & Risk Services.

**Worker** – Responsible for reporting possible exposure incidents to Supervisor/Manager and following recommended exposure control plans, which may include seeking medical treatment.

### References

[Chapter 4 of the Rehabilitation Services & Claims Manual](#)

[Schedule I - Presumption of Occupational Disease Related to Specific Process or Industry](#)

