

News You Can Use Added Safety Requirements for Certain Group Rated Employers

Earlier this year, the Ohio Legislature passed OAC 4123-17-68, which requires employers participating in a group-rated or group retrospective rating plan who have experienced one or more claims in 2007 or 2008 to obtain two hours of additional safety training. The training must be completed by June 30, 2010. The timely completion of the training is mandatory in order to maintain your group rating status.

There are several different ways for an employer to access the required training.

- An employer can meet the two hours of training at the Ohio Safety Congress & Expo, which will be held March 31 to April 1, 2010, in Columbus (registration will be available in February).
- The BWC Division of Safety and Hygiene Training Center provides half and full day classes to meet the requirement. To see a complete list of courses offered and the dates/locations, please visit www.ohiobwc.com and select Safety Services.
- The BWC also offers online safety courses that you can access by visiting www.bwclearningcenter.com They include:
 - Avoiding Back Trauma (2 hours)
 - Getting Started with Safety (4 hours)
 - Prevent Slips/Trips/Falls (1 hour)
 - Industrial Hygiene Overview (1 hour)
 - Preventing Cuts and Lacerations (35 minutes)
 - Ladder/Stairway Safety (45 minutes).

NOTE: Participants of the online courses must complete all pages and pass the test before they can print a certificate from the student transcript in the BWC Learning Center.

For more information about the BWC online courses, please visit www.ohiobwc.com and search under Safety Services or contact your Client Relations Manager at 888-743-2559.

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