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## **NEW – SafetyGRANT\$ Program For Wholesale/Retail Employers**

BWC and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) are partnering for a research study of employers in the wholesale/retail trade sector. The focus is on ergonomic interventions for delivery drivers. No prior claims are required to participate.

Candidates for this program include wholesale or retail employers that perform deliveries of large items (e.g. appliances, furniture, vending machines, furnaces, water heaters, etc.) and that pay into the State Insurance Fund. They must agree to participate in a two-year follow –up research study with BWC and NIOSH.

BWC will provide selected companies with 2-to-1 matching grants (up to \$40,000)\* to help them purchase equipment that will help reduce workplace injuries and illnesses. Suggested equipment could include truck-lift gates, stair-climbing powered hand trucks, etc.

Applications will be accepted beginning in October, 2011. The program starts January, 2012.

Employers can find more information and the SafetyGRANT\$ application online at <http://www.ohiobwc.com/employer/programs/safety/EmpGrants.asp>. Questions can also be emailed to Mike Lampl, BWC, [Michael.L.1@bwc.state.oh.us](mailto:Michael.L.1@bwc.state.oh.us) or Steve Wurzelbacher, NIOSH, [swurzelbacher@cdc.gov](mailto:swurzelbacher@cdc.gov).

*\*Grants are conditional upon funds availability.*

***Did you Know...*** Sheakley UniComp conducts free quarterly seminars on various topics. The next seminar will be in May on “Return to Work Barriers and Seasonal Illnesses & Prevention”.