

# BWC eNews

**Employers: \$1 billion headed your way in July**

## The third **BILLION** back

*Ohio Workers' Comp Rebates*

Ohio's economy will get a big boost in July. That's when BWC will send \$1 billion in rebates to eligible Ohio employers, the first part of The Third Billion Back plan that was announced in March.

Eligible employers will receive checks that total 66 percent of their premiums for the policy year that ended June 30, 2016 (calendar year 2015 for public employers). Private employers who participate in a Group Retrospective rating program will receive their rebates in the fall.

Visit [bwc.ohio.gov](http://bwc.ohio.gov) for more details.

The entire plan includes more than just rebates. We're also planning [new health and safety initiatives](#) with a \$44 million investment to create a healthier workforce and a culture of safety in every Ohio workplace.

Keep an eye on future editions of *BWC eNews* for more on this plan to help bring Ohio workers home safely to their families and communities after every shift.

## Commit to safety in June



What's on your mind this month? Warm weather, beach vacations and backyard barbeques? Please add safety to that list!

June is National Safety Month, an annual campaign by the [National Safety Council](#) to promote the importance of safety to reduce injuries and deaths in the workplace, on the road, at home and in the community.

BWC is proud to support National Safety Month as part of our year-long commitment to creating a culture of safety in Ohio's workplaces. Please join us by redoubling your own efforts to make your workplaces as safe as they can be.

Need help? We've got you covered. BWC's Division of Safety and Hygiene is staffed with experts in occupational safety and hygiene who manage programming designed to prevent accidents and injuries in Ohio workplaces. Services are free to most employers with a workers' compensation policy and include [education and training](#), [field consultation services](#), [safety grants](#), [safety councils](#), the annual [Safety Congress and Expo](#), and a [specialized library](#).

Ohio is already seeing fewer injuries. The most recent data available shows Ohio had 2.9 injuries per 100 workers compared to the national average of 3.3. (Calendar Year 2015). That zero point four percent means Ohio has nearly 17,000 more people returning home safe to their loved ones after their shift each day than if we were just performing at the national average.

Let's rally together to bring those numbers down even more. [Our safety experts are ready to work with you.](#)

## OSC18 call for presenters

Do you have knowledge to share that can keep workplaces safe and healthy?

If so, you could be a presenter at BWC's Ohio Safety Congress & Expo 2018 (OSC18), the nation's largest occupational-focused safety and health event. We're now accepting presentation proposals for this multi-day event, scheduled for March 7 – 9, 2018, in Columbus.

We are seeking one-hour educational sessions, panel discussions and live demonstrations as well as three-hour and six-hour workshops. For OSC18, we are particularly interested in topics related to **slips, trips and falls, overexertion, and motor vehicle accidents**. These injury types represent more than 60 percent of Ohio's workplace injuries.

We're accepting applications until July 31. For application guidelines and to register, visit our [call for presentations site](#). Want to get a glimpse of the event? Take a look back at our [OSC17 Twitter recap](#).

## BWC eBriefs

### New webinars for employers

We launched a series of 25 minute webinars this month to highlight topics of interest to employers. This month we will cover policy year 2017 renewal, the 2-percent early pay discount and future dating of payments.

You can view the webinars from the comfort of your office or attend in person at a location near you. By attending in person, you will have the opportunity to meet with a BWC representative.

Visit [bwc.ohio.gov](http://bwc.ohio.gov) to RSVP.

### June Safety Update

Interested in learning more about emergency preparedness, beating the summer heat, or choosing healthier beverages? Check out the [June edition of Safety Update](#) for more on these topics and much more!

#### From the BWC Blog



Working hard in the yard? Andrea Dong, a BWC Occupational Safety and Hygiene Fellow, has a few [tips for staying safe](#) while getting that yard work done this summer.



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