

Program for Exposure Incident Reporting (PEIR)

PEIR - Phase 1

This is a new reporting system introduced from WSIB. It is specifically for workplace incidents that do not result in lost time or immediate injury. It is intended to be a data collection site in order to make potential future claims easier to validate.

Significant time occurs between the exposure incident and the resulting disease. As a result, the effort to collect information and the time it takes to make a decision can be prolonged. This PEIR initiative will allow for the early identification and prevention of occupational disease; timely decisions will improve customer satisfaction; and allow for the efficient administration of occupational disease claims.

What is an exposure incident?

An unplanned exposure to a chemical, physical or an infectious substance, resulting from a leak, spill, escape, explosion or direct physical contact.

An exposure incident is different from a reportable injury or occupational disease claim in the following ways:

- The worker experiences no lingering effects or symptoms that persist beyond the immediate exposure event
- For infectious incidents, there are no effects following the usual incubation period
- The worker does not lose time from work
- Medical treatment is not needed
- Precautionary medical advice may be sought to rule out potential future problems

Why should an employer participate in the PEIR program?

- Streamlined reporting for employers to a designated PEIR team by telephone or fax
- Employers' complete one exposure incident reporting form providing a list of all workers involved in the exposure incident, not one form for each worker
- Demonstrates employer goodwill when an exposure incident occurs by entrusting the information to the WSIB
- Promote open exchange of information including prevention initiatives
- Access to knowledge experts to address specific employer concerns or issues
- This program is voluntary

Why should a worker participate in the PEIR program?

- Information regarding a worker's exposure will be documented in a secured database for easy future information retrieval
- Access to knowledge experts to address specific worker concerns or issues
- Confidence that the worker information is available for future use even if the employer ceases to exist
- This program is voluntary

PEIR is intended only for an unplanned exposure incident. For normal exposures or accidents you still fill out FORM 7. See the SAFETY page of this website for your local WSIB contact information. Surprise exposures with no medical treatment would require that you complete a PEIR form.