

MAKING A CLAIM FOR OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE

If you become and ill or have been diagnosed with a disease that you feel is caused from something you did or something you were exposed to over the course of your working life, you should make a claim with the WSIB.

***NOTE: There is no time limit for filing an occupational disease claim.**

How to make a claim

- your employer can send a form 7 (Employer's Report of Injury/Disease)
- your doctor can send a form 8 (Health Professional's Report of Injury/Disease)
- your union can help you fill out a form 6 (Worker's Report of Injury/Disease), and they can represent you in your dealings with WSIB
- If you don't have a Union, you can pick an advocate of your choice or yourself
- KWC Injured Workers will help you get your claim started

Information you need to start your claim

- your name
- address
- date of birth
- social insurance number
- the name and location of your employer(s)
- the symptoms or illness for which you are making a claim
- Your work history
- What you believe you were exposed to

Tell your doctor what substances and conditions you have been exposed to at work, even if your illness is short-term.:

- Describe your symptoms and when they began
- List the substances you were exposed to, and describe the type of work you were doing
- Provide the names and addresses of all doctors you have seen for this illness, and the dates of all medical visits (Your doctor can provide you with this information)
- Often you need a medical specialist to diagnose an occupational disease.
- Your case manager may ask you to sign a consent form so that WSIB can get any medical reports.

Some illnesses take many years to develop. The more information that you can provide, the easier it will be to establish your claim.