

# HEARING LOSS

## Information for Service Providers



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### Occupational Hearing Loss

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For progressive type injuries, including **occupational hearing loss**, the WCB determines the date of the accident to be the date that it receives:

- A Workers Report (Form 6)
- OR
- An Employer's Report (Form 7)
- OR
- A report from a service provider such as an audiologist, or ENT Specialist, indicating that the worker may have occupational hearing loss.
- OR
- The date a worker becomes unable to work as a result of occupational hearing loss.

### Service Provider Responsibility

As a service provider, it is important that you submit an audiogram to the WCB for review if there is **any** indication from a worker that their hearing loss could have been caused by their work. In fact, the **Workers Compensation Act** requires you to do this.

If you see a worker who may have occupational hearing loss, the WCB would appreciate you providing them with the **Information for Workers** fact sheet.



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### Hearing Loss Benefits

If you have hearing loss that you feel may be caused by working in a noisy environment, you may be entitled to workers compensation benefits.

In order for the WCB to determine whether you are entitled to benefits, you must complete a **Worker's Report (Form 6)** and a **Hearing Loss Questionnaire**, and submit these to the WCB within **six (6) months** of the date of the accident.

### Filing A Claim

It is important that you file a claim with the WCB even if you don't require hearing aids at that time. If you file a claim within the **six (6) months** time limit, and if you are determined to have occupational hearing loss, the WCB will support you.

Required forms can be found on the WCB website [wcb.pe.ca](http://wcb.pe.ca) or can be obtained by calling us at 902-368-5680 or toll-free at 1-800-237-5049.

If you need help completing the forms, please call us or visit the WCB office located at 14 Weymouth St., Charlottetown.



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