

Supporting Ontario businesses

To help you adjust to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, all businesses covered by the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) will pay the same rate in 2021 that they paid in 2020.

Offering this certainty, and avoiding rate increases, will help ease the burden during these difficult times. This builds on the <u>financial relief</u> the WSIB offered businesses as the pandemic hit – allowing people to defer reporting and payment of premiums through August 2020. To help businesses continue to adjust and recover, repayment of premiums will not be required to begin before January 2021, and can be spread over six months without penalty or interest.

As part of the WSIB's ongoing support for business's during the pandemic, specific resources were added to the <u>Health and Safety Excellence program</u> to help businesses safely resume operations and remain open, including risk assessments and emergency preparedness, mental health awareness, and sustainable roadmaps to recovery.

The WSIB's program will help businesses earn rebates on their premiums and other recognition, and through their <u>online services</u> businesses can also securely log-in to access and analyze key health and safety statistics to make effective business decisions to improve their workplace health and safety performance.

Businesses can also report and pay premiums, view account statements, and more through the WSIB's online services. Businesses can now get simpler clearances and reconcile premium payments, and people with claims can upload claim-related documents – all online and available anytime 24/7. With more enhancements available this fall, the WSIB is making it easier for businesses to access their information and get things done.

Please visit the WSIB <u>website</u> for more information on rates, the financial relief package, and their ongoing support for Ontario businesses.