

# AULTCOMP MCO

A WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION

## AultComp MCO's Lifeline

January, 2017

**Don't Learn Safety by Accident!**

*January 2017 Welcome.*

**Happy New Year!**

*As we start the New Year, I wanted to remind you that I am always here to assist you with any questions or concerns. Helping you understand the processes and procedures of medically managing your workers' compensations claims is something that I am happy to explain in further detail. Additionally, I am available to meet with you and/or TPA to review your claims. As new BWC programs and updates become available, I can also help guide you in the right direction to make*

*the best plans for you and your employees.*

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**Management Tip\*:**

Expect the employee to recover while on the job. From the start, make it clear that you are still counting on the employee as a valuable contributor to the company during his or her recuperation. Tell the employee to ask his or her doctor for an activity prescription that describes what he or she can safely do at work and at home while recovering. Have the employee give you a copy of the form. Work together with the employee to find something productive for him or her to do as soon as he or she is up and around and can get out of the house.

\*Information from **BWC Tips for Supervisors**

## OHIO BWC INFO

**Coverage in other states: Do you have it?**

Now that the New Year is here, it is a good time to evaluate your current workers' compensation coverage to ensure there are no potential coverage gaps.

Each state has different laws and requirements for workers' compensation coverage. When you send your employees to different states, be sure that proper coverage is in place.

Many resources are available on the BWC website to help employers work through requirements for work outside of Ohio. In addition, the BWC works with a private insurer to offer optional coverage to employers with out-of-state exposures.

Through the BWC's 'Other States Coverage' offering, employers can secure coverage nationwide in 46

From implementation in March 2016 through November 2016, more than 200 employers have secured coverage. These businesses have eliminated potential coverage gaps and compliance issues that may arise when working out of state.

If you're looking to expand your business outside of Ohio, please contact the BWC's Other States Coverage unit to discuss your options. This will ensure that you have proper coverage upfront and avoid any coverage issues, so you can focus on having a successful 2017.

Contact the BWC's Other States Coverage unit at 614-728-0535 or [bwcotherstatescoverage@bwc.state.oh.us](mailto:bwcotherstatescoverage@bwc.state.oh.us)

Resource: December 2016 BWC eNews

# Safety Tip

## Winter Driving

Extra precaution is needed when you drive in the winter. Snow, sleet and ice can lead to hazardous road conditions.

### **Always remember to check the weather before you go out to drive.**

- If the weather is frigid, you may want to warm up your car before driving. To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, never leaving your car running in an enclosed area, such as a garage, even if the door is open.
- If you become stranded in an unfamiliar area, do not leave the car. Be sure to light flares in front and behind the car and make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked.
- If the forecast looks bad, wait out the storm if possible. If you must travel, make sure you share your plans and route with someone before you leave.



### **Prepare your car for winter**

- Make sure your car is in good running condition for the winter season. Check with your mechanic about a winter safety check.

### **Know what to do to avoid a crash**

AAA offers some winter driving tips:

- Never mix radial tires with other types of tires
- Avoid using your parking brake to slow or stop
- Do not use cruise control in wintry conditions
- Look and steer in the direction you want to go
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly
- Increase following distance to 8 to 10 seconds
- Know whether you have antilock brakes, which will "pump" the brakes for you in a skid
- If possible, don't stop when going uphill
- Keep your gas tank at least half-full
- If you do get stranded, don't try to push your vehicle out of snow
- Signal distress with a brightly colored cloth tied to the antenna or in a rolled up window

### **Don't leave home without these**

In an emergency situation, in addition to a full tank of gas and fresh antifreeze, the National Safety Council recommends having these with you at all times:

- Properly inflated spare tire, wheel wrench and tripod jack
- Shovel
- Jumper cables
- Tow and tire chains
- Bag of salt or cat litter for better tire traction or to melt snow
- Tool kit
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Reflective triangles or flares
- Compass
- First Aid Kit
- Windshield cleaner
- Ice scraper and snow brush
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Scissor and string/cord
- Nonperishable, high energy foods like unsalted canned nuts, dried fruit and hard candy
- Blankets, mittens, socks, and hats

Winter road trips – even short ones – are a great way to celebrate with family and friends. Being prepared can ensure that a safe and happy time is had by all!

Info from: National Safety Council Winter Safety Tips

# REMINDER

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to follow us on  
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our new website  
AultCompMCO.com*

