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WorkSafeBC Construction Statistics

The latest WorkSafeBC data presents an interesting snapshot of the Construction Industry trends over the past five years.

The data shows that the recession has taken its toll in terms of the decline in Assessable Payroll, even though the number of Employers has increased. The increase in Employers may be the result of people starting a business when they are not able to find employment.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>STD/LTD/Fatal Claims</b>	8,644	9,413	10,085	10,386	7,150
<b>Claim Cost Paid (\$ million)</b>	\$127.0	\$121.9	\$125.4	\$144.3	\$139.3
<b>Work Days Lost</b>	361,183	387,642	420,954	456,704	471,860
<b>Injury Rate</b>	6.3	6.3	6.0	5.9	4.6
<b>Serious Injury Rate</b>	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.1	1.8
<b>STD Duration</b>	52	50	50	53	65
<b>Employers</b>	30,999	33,258	35,985	37,980	38,948
<b>Assessable Payroll (\$ million)</b>	\$4,802	\$5,687	\$6,568	\$7,158	\$6,443
<b>Person Years</b>	132,500	146,900	162,500	171,900	152,000

Two sets of numbers show cause for concern.

The number of Work Days Lost has jumped from 456,704 in 2008 to 471,860 in 2009. And the Short Term Duration (STD) has increased significantly, from 53 days in 2008 to 65 days in 2009.

These two sets of numbers show the need for improved Claims Management and accelerated Return to Work.

**Unless we reverse these trends, WorkSafeBC assessments will increase.**

One of the best ways to improve our record on safe, prompt Return to Work is to take advantage of a new program that was started at COCA's request.

To get started quickly, call the new Construction Nurse Line when you need it. The service is free (you already pay for it with your assessments). For help with:

Return to Work; Disability Management; Claim Updates, call:

604-279-8155, or

1-877-633-6233

And ask to speak with Rachelle Grace or Rupel Amershi, Construction Nurse Advisors, WorkSafeBC.