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Help Available to Lower Claims Costs

The Construction Industry has worked hard to lower the Injury Rate and the time off on WorkSafeBC claims (Duration).

Great improvements have been made and the Injury Rate for 2010 is at its historical low.

But there are serious problems with the growing rate of Duration – time off work.

The average Duration of construction claims – the average time off on claim – has increased suddenly to record high levels of about 75 days.

This is up from an average of 50 days only three years ago.

The recession is probably a major factor. But construction companies need to become more active with Return to Work and Stay at Work programs.

With fewer jobs to go back to, workers may be staying off longer.

Employers may also have been focused on securing new jobs rather than on Return to Work plans for injured workers.

We need to focus on Return to Work plans or our rates will skyrocket.

There is help available – at no charge – from the BC Construction Safety Alliance.

The enclosed flyer describes what help is available and how to get it.

How Can We Help?

To help with your company's **injury management** needs, the BCCSA offers the following:

- Training and other resources on injury management
- Personal consultation to assist with developing and implementing a new injury management program or enhancing an existing program
- Support to achieve or maintain Injury Management COR (Certificate of Recognition)
- General information and advice to answer your queries about reporting requirements, claim filing, modified work accommodations, and more
- Guidance on how to integrate industry wide resources such as WorkSafeBC's **Construction Nurse Line** and **Injury Management Road Map for Construction Employers** within your injury management program

For more information about our comprehensive injury management service, call Vernita Hsu 604.636.3686.