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### A Road Map for Cost Reduction

As reported in previous COCA Updates, the average Duration of a WorkSafeBC claim has increased by 50% over two years. This means higher costs as more money is paid out.

Duration is the length of time that a worker is off on a WorkSafeBC claim.

If this high level of Duration continues, our assessment (insurance) costs for the Construction Industry will increase significantly.

COCA has been focusing attention on the problem and WorkSafeBC has responded, in part, by creating a simplified guide to the Return to Work/Stay at Work process.

As described by WorkSafeBC, “The new Injury Management Road Map is a step-by-step guide for employers to follow when a workplace injury occurs.”

The Road Map provides tips and tools for injury management and contains links to forms and resources. It also contains the contact numbers for the Construction Nurse Line, where Nurse Advisors can assist you.

The Construction Nurse Advisors can be reached weekdays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at 1-877-633-6233 or 604-279-8155.

The interactive Road Map is now available at this web address:

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/Portals/Construction/WCBInitiative.s.asp?ReportID=36355>

Just cut and paste this address into your browser and it will take you directly to the website.

This is an excellent resource that will save your company money.