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Fatal Claims

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Reporting a Fatality: Conceded Claim

- **CALL RIGHT AWAY!**
- Fax initial report of injury (WKC-12)
- Fax wage information (WKC-13A)
- Contact information for dependents:
 - Spouse
 - Children under 18
 - Surviving un-estranged parents






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Reporting a Fatality: Denied Claim

- Denial letter
 - Reason for denial and appeal rights
- Death certificate or autopsy report
- Police report (if applicable)
- Attorney General reviews denials

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Death Benefits

Dependents

- Spouse or minor child(ren), greater of:
 - 4 x annual earnings (box #2 on WKC-13A), or
 - 200 x average weekly wage (AWW) (box #5 on WKC-13A)
- Benefits to minor children = restricted account



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Death Benefits (cont.)

- No spouse or children, but surviving parent(s): \$6,500 (may be more if parents prove dependence)
- Prehearing if dependents from multiple partners
- If no dependents, pay into state fund
 - five annual installments or lump sum minus interest credit: s. 102.49(5)(b)



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Poll Question

Dependents who should be eligible for death benefits include:

1. Unborn child conceived prior to fatal injury
2. All children up to age 26
3. Fiancée, as long as the wedding date was set prior to fatal injury
4. Whoever is designated as a beneficiary in the worker's will
5. All of the above

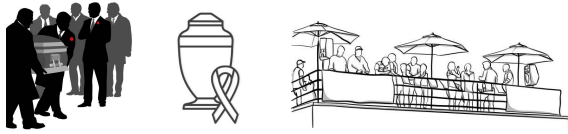


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Death Benefits (cont.)

- Funeral expense: Up to \$10,000
- To state fund: \$20,000 (102.49(5)(a))



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PPD or PTD Dies

- Death certificate or autopsy report (related to claim?)
- Up to date payment information (WKC-13)
 - Division will provide worksheet
 - Additional payments due? If so, to whom?
- Initiate monthly death benefit payments per 102.47(1) and 102.47(2)



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Death Before PPD

- Final medical report via doctor's experience and review of records
- Contact information for dependents
 - Accrued PPD to estate
 - Unaccrued PPD pays funeral expense, remainder to dependents as death benefit
 - If no dependents, remainder to state fund



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Questions?

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