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Agenda

- · Initial Contact
- Denying a Fatal Claim
- Death Benefits
- Death While Receiving Benefits
- Contact Information



Reporting a Fatality

- · CALL RIGHT AWAY!
- Fax First Report of Injury (WKC-12)
- Fax wage information (WKC-13A1)
- Contact information for dependents:

- Spouse
- o Children under 18
- o Surviving un-estranged parents

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Division of Worker's Compensation
Phone: (608)266-1340



Reporting a Fatality (cont.)

- WC Claim Number, if known
- Deceased employee name, address, SSN, birth date, death date, injury date
- Dependents or contact information for next of kin
- Employer contact information
- Accident site and brief description
- Informant contact information



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Fatality: Denied Claim

- Denial letter
 - o 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:
 - $_{\odot}~$ 4 x annual earnings (box #2 on WKC-13A1), or
 - o 200 x average weekly wage (AWW) (box #5 on WKC-13A1)
 - o Under age 27 on date of injury = Maximum wage
- 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)
- For multiple children, time remaining until 18
- If children from multiple partners, consider prehearing



- If no dependents, pay into Work Injury Supplemental Benefit Fund (WISBF)
 - o Five annual installments or lump sum minus interest credit: s. 102.49(5)(b)



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Death Benefits (cont.)

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









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PPD or PTD Dies

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



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Death Before PPD

- Final medical report via doctor's experience and review of records
- Any PPD owed is converted to death benefit per 102.47(2)
 - o Accrued PPD to estate
 - Unaccrued PPD pays funeral expense, remainder to dependents as death benefit
 - If no dependents, remainder to WISBF



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