

Information Alert

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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT INDEPENDENT OPERATORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER STATUS (In the trucking and courier industries)

If you've been told that incorporating yourself or declaring yourself or your employees as Executive Officers allows you to buy an alternative workplace insurance plan – you need to know that isn't always true.

DON'T BE MISLED! CALL THE WSIB!

When you have WSIB coverage you get:

- No fault insurance – Protect you and your business from costly lawsuits resulting from workplace injuries and illnesses
- Accident prevention programs designed for your specific workplaces
- Insurance benefits covering:
 - Lost wages
 - Health care expenses
 - Labour market re-entry
- Dedicated teams with experience in your specific industry to help you and your employees

There are guiding principles applied by the WSIB under the *Workplace Safety & Insurance Act (WSIA)* as to when a business needs to be registered or when individuals are considered Workers or Executive Officers of a business or Independent Operators.

Your WSIB Customer Service Representative can help ensure that you are meeting your legal obligations. Before you spend needless dollars of your hard-earned money incorporating yourself to try to opt out of WSIA coverage, speak to your Customer Service Representative.

MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION!

For more information, visit the WSIB Web site at: www.wsib.on.ca

Or contact Small Business Services directly – phone numbers and addresses of WSIB offices are listed on the following page.

Workplace Safety and Insurance Board Offices

Guelph

(deals with Agricultural sector only. For all other small business services in the area, see Kitchener)

1 Stone Road West
4th floor, South Tower
Guelph, ON
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(519) 826-7490
1-888-259-4228
Fax: (519) 826-4678

Hamilton

120 King Street West
Hamilton, ON
L8N 4C5

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 2099
Station LCD1
120 King Street West
Hamilton, ON
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(905) 523-1800
1-800-263-8488
Fax: (905) 521-4502

Kingston

234 Concession Street
Suite 304
Kingston, ON
K7K 6W6
(613) 237-8840
1-800-267-9461
Fax: (613) 239-3321

Kitchener

55 King Street West
3rd Floor
Kitchener, ON
N2G 4W1
(519) 576-4130
1-800-265-2570
Fax: (519) 576-2667

London

148 Fullarton Street
7th Floor
London, ON
N6A 5P3
(519) 663-2331
1-800-265-4752
Fax: (519) 663-2333

North Bay

128 McIntyre Street West
North Bay, ON
P1B 2Y6
(705) 472-5200
1-800-461-9521
Fax: (705) 472-9801

Ottawa

99 Metcalfe Street
Suite 700
Ottawa, ON
K1P 1E8
(613) 237-8840
1-800-267-9601
Fax: (613) 239-3321

Sault Ste. Marie

153 Great Northern Road
Sault Ste. Marie, ON
P6B 4Y9
(705) 942-3002
1-800-461-6005
Fax: (705) 942-7582

St. Catharines

301 St. Paul Street
8th Floor
St. Catharines, ON
L2R 7R4
(905) 687-8622
1-800-263-2484
Fax: (905) 687-7117

Sudbury

30 Cedar Street
Sudbury, ON
P3E 1A4
(705) 675-9301
1-800-461-3350
Fax: (705) 675-9367

Thunder Bay

1113 Jade Court
Suite 200
Thunder Bay, ON
P7B 6V3
(807) 343-1710
1-800-465-3934
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Timmins

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P0N 1H0
(705) 235-6130
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Toronto

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(416) 344-1007
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Windsor

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