



WSIB Policy Agenda 2019

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Overview

The WSIB's [Framework for Operational Policy Development and Renewal](#) (Framework) describes the WSIB's commitment to ensure its Operational Policy Manual (OPM) documents are up to date, clear, and provide appropriate guidance to staff and the public regarding their application.

The WSIB Policy Agenda describes the policy items that the WSIB plans to focus on in the upcoming year. As outlined in the Framework, the main purpose of the Policy Agenda is to identify and provide to stakeholders advance notice of anticipated substantive items that may involve consultation. In line with the WSIB's commitment to open communication and service excellence, items that will not necessarily involve stakeholder consultation may be included on the Policy Agenda. Policies scheduled for review are also included and may be evaluated independently or, where appropriate, as part of a larger program review. In addition, while not included on the Policy Agenda, in order to ensure policies are kept up to date, each year a number of policies may be identified for "housekeeping"¹ revisions.

All policy changes are posted on the WSIB's [Policy updates/clarifications page](#). Unanticipated policy items may also need to be addressed as they arise throughout the year.

The following factors are key drivers of the Policy Agenda in 2019:

- The WSIB released its *2019-2021 Strategic Plan* in October 2018. As the WSIB moves forward with the Strategic Plan, in particular activities to better meet customer needs and expectations, it will rely on the WSIB's policy area for advice and support.
- A new Ontario government formed in June 2018. As is the case any time a new government forms, the WSIB is prepared to provide transition support to assist the new government in understanding the work the WSIB does. The WSIB is also prepared to facilitate any potential legislative changes that may impact the WSIB. Both activities rely on advice and support from the WSIB's policy area.
- A number of projects from prior years are ongoing and continue to require policy leadership and support.
- Both the WSIB and its stakeholders have finite capacity and resources to participate in policy projects.

The main focus of the 2019 Policy Agenda will be the successful completion and implementation of Rate Framework Modernization due to the scope and resource requirements

¹ "Housekeeping" means non-substantive changes, such as

- consequential revisions resulting from legislative/regulatory amendments or changes made to other policies
- correction of outdated or inaccurate information/terminology
- correction of typographical or grammatical errors, and/or
- updates to legislative references and others.

of the project, rather than engaging in new policy items. The WSIB will also continue with ongoing work in policy areas from previous agendas: Return-to-Work and Occupational Aluminum Exposure.

In addition to ongoing policy projects, the WSIB will maintain policy capacity to support the *2019-2021 Strategic Plan* and to facilitate government transition and/or potential legislative change.