

I don't agree with a WSIB decision in a worker's claim. What should I do?

- If you don't understand the reasons for the decision, contact the front-line decision maker for an explanation of the issue(s) and what new information might change the decision.
- If you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you should complete and submit the Intent to Object Form along with any additional information you want us to consider.

Time Limits to Object

There are legislated time limits for submitting an objection (s.120). There is a 30 day time limit on decisions on return to work or labour market re-entry (now work reintegration) and 6 months for all other WSIB decisions. In order to meet the time limits, the WSIB must receive your Intent to Object Form by the time limit date given in the decision letter.

1. Claim Identifiers

The claim number is your WSIB identifier, along with your name. Please be sure to enter the correct claim number. An incorrect claim number will delay the Intent to Object Form reaching your claim file.

2. Objecting Party

Any of the workplace parties can object to a WSIB decision. Please mark the box that applies to you.

3. General Information

Please check the address on the decision letter to make sure it is correct and complete. If changes are required to your address and/or telephone number(s), please mark the "no" box and provide us with the correct information. If no changes are required, simply mark the "yes" box.

If you are the dependent of a deceased worker, or authorized representative of a dependent, please complete Section 3 with respect to the dependent's address and contact information.

4. Representation

The WSIB does not require that you have a representative to submit the Intent to Object and **you should not delay in submitting it while you seek representation**. If you do not have a representative or you are currently seeking one, indicate this by checking the first box. All communication will continue to be sent to you until your representative (if you name one) submits a Direction of Authorization. The Direction of Authorization can be found on the WSIB website.

Some workers find it helpful to have a representative assist them with their WSIB case. Free advice and representation may be available through the following organizations:

- If you are a unionized employee, your **Union** may assist you. If you are having trouble getting help from your union local, you can contact the **Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL)**. The toll free number for the **OFL** is 1-800-668-9138.
- If you do not belong to a union, the **Office of the Worker Adviser (OWA)** may be able to help you. The toll free number for the **OWA** is 1-800-435-8980 (English) or 1-800-661-6365 (French).
- You may qualify for assistance from the **Community Legal Clinics**. The toll free number for **Legal Aid** in Ontario is 1-800-668-8258 (outside Toronto) or 416-979-1446 (Toronto area).

5. Intent to Object

A decision letter may contain a decision on more than one entitlement issue and you may disagree with the decision on one or more of the issues. You should indicate the issue(s) you are objecting to and clearly indicate the date of the decision letter which contains the decision on that issue.

If you disagree with decisions made in more than one claim, you should submit an Intent to Object Form under each claim number in order to meet the objection time limits and identify the issue(s) in dispute in each claim.

6. New Information/Reconsideration

The WSIB has the authority under Section 121 of the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act* to reconsider any decision "at any time if it considers it advisable to do so". A referral to the Appeals Services Division may not be necessary if we are able to reconsider and change the decision with new information you provide.

To ensure the WSIB receives your Intent to Object Form within the time limit, do not delay sending the Intent to Object Form because you are waiting for new information.

For this section, new information refers to new documents that were not previously sent to the WSIB (e.g., a copy of a recent specialist report, or documents confirming employment or wage information).

Signature

The objecting party or their authorized representative should sign and date the form.

7. Reasons for the Objection

Section 7 allows you to outline your reasons for objecting to the decision(s). Your explanation may bring out new information the front-line decision maker was not aware of and may result in a change in the decision. Please attach additional pages if necessary.

If you have submitted an Intent to Object Form in a different claim, please provide that claim number in this section (Section 7). When the issues in dispute are related, all claims will be reviewed if the decisions are reconsidered.

To protect your privacy, please do not include claim number(s) for injuries/illnesses that occurred while working for a different employer.

Submitting your Intent to Object Form

When you have completed and signed the Intent to Object Form, send it to the WSIB by fax at **416-344-4684** or **1-888-313-7373** or mail it to:

**Workplace Safety and Insurance Board
200 Front Street West
Toronto, ON M5V 3J1**

What happens after the WSIB receives my Intent to Object Form?

When we receive your Intent to Object Form, we will consider any new information provided and advise you of the outcome of that review. If the decision remains unchanged, or you did not submit any new information, we will send you a copy of your claim file along with an Appeal Readiness Form and additional information on how to proceed with your objection. If you have previously received a copy of your claim file, you will only receive documents added to your file after the date of your last request.

After reviewing the claim file documents, if you are still not satisfied with the decision, you can proceed with your objection to the Appeals Services Division.