

BWC eNews

New video for Ohio injured workers

When an injury occurs, BWC's mission is to get injured workers the care they need to return to work – and their lives – as soon as possible.

Our goal is to provide a quality, customer-focused workers' compensation insurance system that offers efficient service, answers all of an injured worker's questions, and provides proper medical care that helps them get back to work.

However, we realize workers injured on the job face not only an unexpected physical recovery but navigating an often unfamiliar process for managing their workers' comp claim. That's why we created a new video, *What to expect in the next 30 days*, that we hope will familiarize workers and employers with the process and alleviate uncertainty about what to anticipate in the weeks following an injury.

We hope this video is informative and useful for both employers and injured workers as they work together toward recovery and a return to work.

Please view the video on [BWC's YouTube page](#) and share it with your coworkers and employees.

BWC Pharmacy Director recognized for efforts to curb opioid abuse



BWC Administrator Sarah Morrison and BWC Pharmacy Director Johnnie Hanna stand with Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor and Department of Administrative Services Director Robert Blair Friday during the Governor's Award for Employee Excellence ceremony at the Statehouse. Hanna received the award for building a model pharmacy program at BWC and for his work to curb opioid addiction among injured workers.

BWC Pharmacy Director Johnnie Hanna received the [Governor's Award for Employee Excellence](#) for building a model pharmacy program at BWC and

for his efforts to help injured workers avoid opioid addiction.

In introducing Hanna at Statehouse ceremony Friday, BWC Administrator/CEO Sarah Morrison credited the veteran pharmacist and his team for initiatives that have lowered BWC drug costs by \$46 million over the last seven years and reduced opioid doses by 18.9 million to nearly half their 2011 levels.

"Under Johnnie's leadership, our pharmacy team is showing what it means to be world-class," said Morrison. "Their efforts, which are receiving national attention, help improve the lives of those we serve by focusing on health and recovery and reducing the likelihood of deadly addiction."

Hanna joined BWC in 2000. Since then, he and his team have crafted several measures designed to mitigate the potential for opioid addiction or dependence. As a result, Ohio injured workers dependent on opioids dropped from 8,029 in 2011 to 4,101 in 2016.

"All of us work hard every day to do right by injured workers so they can recover and get back to work without the added burden of a crippling addiction," Hanna said.

It's getting safer to manufacture crash test dummies in Huron



BWC Administrator/CEO Sarah Morrison got a firsthand look at how crash test dummies are manufactured at Humanetics Innovative Solutions Inc., and how the company is making the process safer for its employees.

BWC awarded the Huron company a \$13,000 Safety Intervention Grant to purchase powered lift tables designed to ease the stress and strain on employees who build the dummies, which, like humans, vary in size and weight.

Plant Manager Ben Dinsmore explained that the tables can be raised, lowered or tilted with the push of a button, allowing employees improved posture and body positioning during production.

“Humanetics understands that investing in workplace safety is a wise business practice and the right thing to do for their employees. I urge employers across Ohio to follow its example,” said Morrison, who visited the company ahead of Gov. Kasich’s State of the State address in Sandusky April 4.

View a video highlighting Morrison’s April 4 travels [here](#).

BWC’s Safety Intervention Grant Program provides \$15 million annually to help Ohio employers purchase equipment designed to substantially reduce or eliminate injuries and illnesses associated with a particular task or operation. Learn more about the program at bwc.ohio.gov.

Plan a stand-down to prevent falls in Ohio



Falls don’t need to be from great heights to have serious consequences; even short falls from elevation can cause major injuries. However, proper training and awareness can help prevent injuries and fatal accidents. Each year, the [National Fall Prevention Stand-Down](#) looks to raise fall hazard awareness across the country by encouraging employers to hold events for their workforces. This year’s stand-down is happening May 8-12. A safety stand-down is a voluntary event for employers to speak directly to their workers about workplace safety. Companies can conduct a stand-down event in several ways, including:

- Short toolbox talks; Distributing handouts; Screening safety videos; Training and demonstrations; Meetings and presentations; Equipment inspections/audits

We strongly urge Ohio employers – especially those in the construction industry – to have a stand-down to discuss fall hazards and fall protection sometime between May 8 and May 12. We’re hosting a [FREE fall protection training event](#) May 12 at our Ohio Center for Occupational Safety and Health in Pickerington.

If you need help planning your stand-down activity, call 1-800-644-6292. The [BWC Library](#) also offers an extensive collection of audiovisual materials related to fall hazards and fall prevention. This [informational sheet](#) has additional details.

BWC eBriefs



Employers: plan to attend a free *Destination: Excellence* seminar

Upcoming free seminars around the state will cover the benefits of participating in the [Destination: Excellence](#) program, as well as eligibility requirements, implementation and financial incentives for enrollment. Come learn about the valuable complimentary services and resources BWC offers to help you make your

BWC in the news

BWC’s use of social media to build awareness of and deter workers’ compensation fraud were highlighted in a March 31

WorkersCompensation.com article. Check it out [here](#).

From the BWC Blog: #justdrive

Jennifer Morgan supervises our fleet department and works to keep BWC employees safe on the road. In recognition of Distracted Driving Awareness Month, Jennifer shares her experiences and warns of the dangers of texting

workplace safer and help you reduce your workers' compensation costs.

and driving in her blog *Promote driving safety at your company and at home.*

The seminar focuses primarily on the safety and **Safety Update** return-to-work options of Destination: Excellence.

The Safety Update is our monthly rundown of the latest news in occupational safety and health. Check out the April edition [here](#).

- Drug-Free Safety Program
- Industry-Specific Safety Program
- Safety councils
- Transitional Work Bonus Program
- Vocational rehabilitation

Learn more and register for a seminar at bwc.ohio.gov.



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