

# March 2021 BWC News from Sedgwick TPA

*“If nothing changes, nothing changes.”  
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We are excited to announce that CareWorks Comp TPA is now named **Sedgwick TPA** as of March 1, 2021. As **Sedgwick TPA**, our commitment to Ohio employers remains as strong as ever. With more than 3,000 colleagues in Ohio, backed by the global resources and expertise of Sedgwick, we have the best claims solutions to help your business mitigate risk and reduce costs.

As **Sedgwick TPA**, taking care of people is at the heart of everything we do, because caring counts®. Under the Sedgwick name, we will provide you with the best possible service and outcomes and deliver on our mission of taking care of you and your employees. You can learn more about Sedgwick—a leading global provider of risk management and claims solutions—at [Sedgwick.com/OhioTPA](https://www.sedgwick.com/OhioTPA).

## Ohio BWC Safety Congress Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the 2021 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo (OSC21)! Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, OSC21 will be a completely online event, including our first-ever digital expo.

Visit the [OSC21 website](#) for more information and to register for the event, which will stream live March 10-11, 2021. Now in its 91<sup>st</sup> year, the Ohio Safety Congress & Expo is the largest and longest-running regional occupational safety, health and workers' compensation conference in the U.S.

More than 4,000 representatives from Ohio businesses and government are expected to attend the event to discover the strategies and tools needed for a healthy, safe, and productive workforce. The event offers topics on organizational behavior, safety leadership, emerging trends, and mental health. Participants can visit the digital expo marketplace, compete in a scavenger hunt, download resources, earn attendance credit and chat with others.

## Working from Home: Is Your Office Ergonomically Correct?

Watch this [video](#) from the Ohio BWC's Ergonomics Consultant Brad Ridenour on how to set-up your home office so that it's not putting unneeded strain on your back, knees or your eyes. Brad offers tips for safely setting up your home office with items you may have on-hand.

## 2-Hour Safety Training Requirement for 2020 Policy Year Deadline is 6/30/2021

2020 Rating Year—BWC Rule—ORC 4123-17-68

Group Rated and Group Retro Rated employers who have had a claim from July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, have to complete a required two hours of safety training by June 30, 2021. BWC's requirement applies to any allowed claim an employer had from 7/1/18-9/30/19, regardless of size or severity. Two hours is the minimum amount of safety training mandated by the BWC. Only one person from the employer needs to take this safety training. If an employer experienced more than one claim within this period, they are still only obligated to attend two hours of safety training. If an employer has multiple policy numbers, they must attend two hours of safety training per policy. For more information about all the Ohio BWC's training opportunities, visit the BWC's Learning Center at: [BWC Learning Center Login](#)

## **Deadline extended for HVAC assistance program**

The Ohio BWC has extended their deadline to apply for reimbursement for eligible expenses under their COVID-19 Indoor Air Quality Assistance Program to March 31, 2021. This federally funded program provides reimbursement for nursing homes, assisted living centers, and adult day centers that invest in air quality improvements that reduce the spread of COVID-19. This may include the costs of inspections, assessments, maintenance, and improvements to indoor heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. It also provides reimbursement for secondary devices designed to destroy bacteria, mold, and viruses. [Read more, including eligibility requirements, on the BWC's website.](#)

## **Good to Know: Ohio BWC Division of Safety & Hygiene**

[Are you trying to reduce injuries in your workplace? Are you concerned about your employees' health and wellbeing? Then be sure to check out all that the Ohio BWC's Division of Safety & Hygiene \("DSH"\) can do for you as an Ohio employer! The DSH offers free consultation services on safety, industrial hygiene, or ergonomics, as well as training, and they even have a library filled with education videos and materials. For more information, be sure to check the DSH out here.](#)

### **Important Deadlines:**

- **March 21, 2021:** BWC premium installment due if your company is on a Monthly or Quarterly installment plan with the Ohio BWC.
- **March 31, 2021:** One Claim Program (OCP) training requirement deadline for the July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 policy year.
- **March 31, 2021:** DFSP Annual Report due for the July 1, 2020 policy year start date.
- **March 31, 2021:** EM Cap Safety Requirements deadline.