

WSIB – Level I

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I would like to thank the membership for allowing me to attend the WSIB Level I course that was recently held at in London. The course was quite intensive but interesting.

The class learned:

- The history and how worker's compensation came into being starting around the late 1800's. Some scenarios described involving children were horrifying and hard to believe the deplorable working conditions that were allowed.
- WSIA (Workplace Safety and Insurance Act) which described what workers and employers expectations under that Act (ie: claims, compensation, how to appeal a decision and not just accept it at face value, etc.).
- What different scenarios were covered and what wasn't (ie: if an employee hit another employee with a car, was it covered – why or why not).
- How to complete a WSIB claim, what a Form 6, 7 and 8 is and how it pertains to the accident. What a Functional Abilities Form (FAF) is and how it can assist your claim, attach photos to your Form 6 as sometimes a picture says a thousand words, remember to paint the picture of the accident as the person reading the claim does not do that job and needs to understand completely what happened.
- Excellent web-site locations if references were needed.

The two instructors (Ron and Jinny) kept the course fast-paced and interesting, suggesting that if students wished to continue, not to wait too long (no more than 1-year) to continue onto Part 2 which delves further into WSIB, the acronyms and such. I look forward to continuing on to possibly achieve a certificate in this field.

Thank you,

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