



INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION

Completed copies of the Claim forms may be mailed to the Division of Workers' Compensation, P.O. Box 58, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0058. **[Please see No. 5 below.]** You also have the option of filing the Claim form with any of the Division's adjudication offices. A list of the Division's adjudication offices may be obtained from the website: labor.mo.gov/DWC/contact. Please note that if you decide to file a Claim, the Division must receive the Claim form within the time period explained below:

- Within two years from the date of injury or death, or within two years from the last payment made on account of the injury or death by the employer or its workers' compensation insurance carrier, whichever is later; OR
- If the employer does not timely file a First Report of Injury with the Division, within three years from the date of injury or death or within three years from the last payment made on account of the injury or death by the employer or its workers' compensation insurance carrier, whichever is later.

As indicated in §287.063, RSMo, in cases of occupational disease, the statute of limitation does not begin to run until it becomes reasonably discoverable and apparent that an injury has been sustained related to such exposure.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS:

1. **Updated Claim form to be used:** The Division's form must be submitted as an original document in the most current version. The updated or current version of the Claim for Compensation form WC-21 may be downloaded from the Division's website labor.mo.gov/pubs-and-forms. You may also request the Division to mail you the Claim forms by calling the toll free number 800-775-2667 or by calling one of the local offices. The Division reserves the right to reject forms that are not currently approved forms and/or do not reflect the division's official seal. The minimum font size that may be used is 10.
2. **Do not alter the form:** Claims that are submitted to the Division on a form that has been altered in any way will not be accepted for processing. Do not submit a claim form without the Division of Workers' Compensation caption appearing at the top of page 1; with the informational boxes shifted to different pages; or with the bottom half cut off any page. If a complete response does not fit within the box provided on the form, complete the response on a separate sheet of paper (noting the box the additional information applies to) and attach the additional sheet(s) to this form.
3. **Legibility:** The Claim form may be downloaded from the Division's website, printed, and completed by handwriting or printing the information in the applicable boxes. If you handwrite or print the information on the Claim form, it must be legible to meet the Division's requirements for the record to be electronically stored. You also have the option of completing the Claim form online, by typing the information needed in each field, printing the form, and mailing it to the Division's Jefferson City office or filing it in one of the adjudication offices.
4. **Amended Claim:** If the Claim, including the Claim that is being filed against the Second Injury Fund, is being amended, the Box containing the amended information must be identified in the Box "ITEM NUMBER(S) AMENDED" in order for the Division to process the amendments to the Claim.
5. **Copies:** If you are mailing the Claim form to the Division at P.O. Box 58, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0058, you need to submit the original and 3 copies of the Claim. If the Claim is being filed against more than 3 employers, please submit additional copies to enable the Division to forward the Claims to all employers named. If the Second Injury Fund is named as a party, please submit an original and 4 copies. You must copy both pages of the Claim form. You should keep one copy for your records. If you are filing the Claim form in one of the Division's adjudication offices, please submit the Original Claim form. Additional copies of the Claim form are not required to be provided to the adjudication office.
6. **BOX 1D:** If you know the 9-digit ZIP Code, please provide it in Box 1D.
7. **BOX 4 [Date of Injury (D/I)]:** For repetitive motion and occupational disease claims, the following guidelines will be used: If there are multiple dates indicated – Division will use the last date as the D/I.
 - For example, January 1 - March 17, 2001, is on the Claim, the D/I will be March 17, 2001.
 - If 1/24 - 2/15/02 and 3/14 - 6/26/02 is on the Claim, the D/I will be June 26, 2002.
 - 3/24 - Current, the Division will use the date it receives the Claim as the D/I.
 - 10/2000 - the Division will use the last date of the month, i.e. 10/31/00 as the D/I.
8. **BOX 5:** Please provide gross wages earned rather than net wages.
9. **BOX 7:** If you were injured in Missouri, it is very important that Box 7 include the ZIP Code where the accident occurred.
10. **Second Job Wage Loss:** Please include information on second job wage loss in Box 11.
11. **BOX 15:** Fill out the dependent information in Box 15 only if the employee has died.
12. Employee/Claimant must sign Box 16 unless represented by an attorney.

If you have any questions, please contact the Division's toll free number 800-775-2667.

Please visit the Division's website: labor.mo.gov/DWC which contains additional information, including the full text of the applicable Missouri Workers' Compensation Statutes and Regulations, as well as many other forms and brochures.

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