

## Internet-Based Resources for Information on Workers' Compensation

Injured workers, employers, health care providers, and others need timely and appropriate guidance on how to access medical services and ensure high-quality care, as well as information on how best to help workers return to productive employment. These issues can be quite complex, but a variety of reputable organizations and government agencies produce and distribute information that can help injured workers get the care they need and support decisionmakers involved in workers' compensation policy.

Many of these organizations maintain sites on the Internet, where the information they produce can be easily accessed. Following is a listing of some recommended web sites that offer information related to workers' compensation. In particular, the Workers' Compensation Health Initiative (WCHI), a national program of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, maintains links to many of these sites on its web site, which is located at [www.umassmed.edu/workerscomp](http://www.umassmed.edu/workerscomp).

- *State Workers' Compensation Agencies.* Most state workers' compensation agencies provide published literature and maintain an Internet site. Several organizations maintain detailed lists of state workers' compensation agencies. In addition, an overview of state workers' compensation laws may be obtained from the U.S. Department of Labor's web site.
  - ▼ International Association of Industrial Accident Board and Commissions — [www.iaiaabc.org](http://www.iaiaabc.org)
  - ▼ Alliance of American Insurers — [www.allianceai.org](http://www.allianceai.org)
  - ▼ North Carolina Industrial Commission — [www.comp.state.nc.us/ncic/pages/all50.htm](http://www.comp.state.nc.us/ncic/pages/all50.htm)
  - ▼ U.S. Department of Labor — [www.dol.gov](http://www.dol.gov)
- *Resources and Support for Injured Workers.* Injured worker resource and support organizations have been established in local communities across the United States. Many communities have occupational safety and health committees or coalitions — known as COSHs — that provide these services. A listing of COSHs and injured worker support groups can be found on the AFL-CIO's web site. The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration also maintains a web page with information about workers' rights and responsibilities.
  - ▼ American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) — [www.aflcio.org](http://www.aflcio.org)
  - ▼ Occupational Safety and Health Administration — [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)
- *Occupational Health Services Providers.* Many organizations providing medical and rehabilitation services for injured workers publish extensive information on various facets of workers' compensation medical care. Leading professional organizations of occupational medical providers are listed below.
  - ▼ American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine — [www.acoem.org](http://www.acoem.org)
  - ▼ Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics — [www.aoc.org](http://www.aoc.org)
  - ▼ National Association of Occupational Health Professionals — [www.naohp.com/welcome.html](http://www.naohp.com/welcome.html)

In addition, the Duke University Department of Occupational and Environmental Medicine maintains an extensive array of information on occupational medicine and care for work-related conditions on its comprehensive web site.

  - ▼ Duke University Department of Occupational and Environmental Medicine — <http://gilligan.mc.duke.edu/oem>

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- *Research Organizations.* Several private and government research agencies are conducting investigations on how to improve workers' compensation medical care. Many of these agencies produce articles, publications, and other resources that are available to the public. Some of the leading research organizations are:
  - ▼ National Academy of Social Insurance — [www.nasi.org](http://www.nasi.org)
  - ▼ National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health — [www.cdc.gov/niosh](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh)
  - ▼ Workers Compensation Research Institute — [www.wcrinet.org](http://www.wcrinet.org)

These and other sources of information, including industry and trade organizations, can be found in the table below. ●

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## WORKERS' COMPENSATION RESOURCES ON THE WEB

Organization	Web Address
• Alliance of American Insurers	<a href="http://www.allianceai.org">www.allianceai.org</a>
• American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine	<a href="http://www.acoem.org">www.acoem.org</a>
• American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)	<a href="http://www.aflcio.org">www.aflcio.org</a>
• American Insurance Association	<a href="http://www.aiadc.org">www.aiadc.org</a>
• Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics	<a href="http://www.aoec.org">www.aoec.org</a>
• California Workers' Compensation Institute	<a href="http://www.cwci.org">www.cwci.org</a>
• Duke University Department of Occupational and Environmental Medicine	<a href="http://gilligan.mc.duke.edu/oem">http://gilligan.mc.duke.edu/oem</a>
• Employee Benefits Research Institute	<a href="http://www.ebri.org">www.ebri.org</a>
• Insurance Information Institute	<a href="http://www.iii.org">www.iii.org</a>
• International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions	<a href="http://www.iaiab.com">www.iaiab.com</a>
• National Academy of Social Insurance	<a href="http://www.nasi.org">www.nasi.org</a>
• National Association of Insurance Commissioners	<a href="http://www.naic.org">www.naic.org</a>
• National Association of Manufacturers	<a href="http://www.nam.org">www.nam.org</a>
• National Association of Occupational Health Professionals	<a href="http://www.naohp.com/welcome.html">www.naohp.com/welcome.html</a>
• National Council on Compensation Insurance	<a href="http://www.ncci.com/ncciweb">www.ncci.com/ncciweb</a>
• National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health	<a href="http://www.cdc.gov/niosh">www.cdc.gov/niosh</a>
• North Carolina Industrial Commission	<a href="http://www.comp.state.nc.us/ncic/pages/all150.htm">www.comp.state.nc.us/ncic/pages/all150.htm</a>
• Occupational Safety and Health Administration	<a href="http://www.osha.gov">www.osha.gov</a>
• Risk and Insurance Management Society	<a href="http://www.rims.org">www.rims.org</a>
• U.S. Department of Labor	<a href="http://www.dol.gov">www.dol.gov</a>
• Workers' Compensation Health Initiative	<a href="http://www.umassmed.edu/workerscomp">www.umassmed.edu/workerscomp</a>
• Workers Compensation Research Institute	<a href="http://www.wcrinet.org">www.wcrinet.org</a>
• Workers' Compensation Resources	<a href="http://www.workerscompresources.com">www.workerscompresources.com</a>