

# NEWS LETTER

## WORK INJURY and REHABILITATION

### WORK INJURY?

*The Union is having several instances where the employer is challenging whether or not an injury occurred in the workplace.*

*Workers need to ensure that they report ANY INCIDENT, no matter how trivial it may seem as this greatly enhances your chances of having fewer problems gaining cover and entitlements.*

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WORK DEATH TOLL SO  
FAR IN 2006/07  
(SOURCE—Safeguard Magazine)


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**T**oo many of our Union members are continuing to meet with their case managers and/or employers **WITHOUT** a support person of their choice.

- The Union recommends that all Union members ensure that they have a Union representative with them when ever they meet with management about their ACC. Claimant's are entitled to have a support person with them and they should exercise that right.



• Don't be fooled into having "just a quick word" without someone with you.

- If you are not happy with any aspect of your rehabilitation plan, **DO NOT SIGN IT OFF** until you have had it checked with either your support person or your Union rep. You can even get your doctor to check the plan with you if you want to.
- Rehab plans should be a negotiated document and should be reviewed on a regular basis. 
- Problems need to be brought to the Union's attention as soon as possible to enable corrective action sooner rather than later.

## PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME AUDITS

- Please note that the ACC Partnership Programme requires employers to notify **ALL UNIONS** representing employees in their workplaces, of the dates and sites for any upcoming independent audit.. This means unions should have the opportunity to participate in the audit and be involved in the focus group and "close out" sessions.
- If the on-site union officials have not been advised **IN ADVANCE** of the proposed audit, please contact the Union's Health & Safety Co-ordinator, Amanda Stephens in the National Office as soon as possible.

## General Secretary—Dave Eastlake

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## Bits 'n' Pieces/Odds 'n' Sods

### **Elected health & safety reps**

PLEASE ENSURE that if you are having to issue a hazard notice for any reason that you send a copy of the notice to the Health & Safety Co-ordinator in the Union's national office as soon as possible, either prior to or as soon as has been issued to the employer. Notices can be copied to Amanda Stephens via fax (03) 379-7763 or posted to her at P.O. Box 13-048, Christchurch.