



## WORKERS COMPENSATION

### **Automated Indemnity Calculations**

Automated processes, using an electronic spreadsheet, for calculating indemnity benefits, penalties and interest reduced calculation time over 80% and increased collection of monies that are payable to permanently totally injured workers by 83% or \$62,100 per month. The spreadsheet can be used wherever there is a need to calculate indemnity benefits. For more information, please contact Mary Adelson at (850) 413-1789 or email [mary.adelson@fldfs.com](mailto:mary.adelson@fldfs.com). 2006-DFS-021

### **Reporting of Safety Incidents**

An electronic form used by the Department of Environmental Protection to integrate and populate three documents to report safety incidents is being considered for statewide use by the Department of Financial Services, Division of Risk Management, to produce time and cost savings. For more information, please contact Bobbie Rednour at (850) 245-3088 or email [bobbie.rednour@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:bobbie.rednour@dep.state.fl.us). 2006-DEP-039

### **Safety and Loss Prevention**

Between 2001 and 2005, compensable injury claims dropped by almost 60% and amounts paid for indemnity benefits by almost 80%. These achievements, which are attributed to effective injury prevention and proper management of injury claims, produced a direct insurance premium reduction of \$458,630. For more information please contact Matt Croghan at (850) 922-9846 or email [croghan@doacs.state.fl.us](mailto:croghan@doacs.state.fl.us). 2006-DACS-007

### **Telephone "Hotline" improves safety**

Immediate reporting of "near miss" or potentially unsafe situations resulted in a one-year 41% reduction in claims at the Broward County Health Department. Worker's compensation and liability expenses were reduced by 57% (\$164,000). For more information, please contact Brian Lane at (954) 467-4824 or email [Brian.Lane@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:Brian.Lane@doh.state.fl.us). 2006-DOH-005

### **Safety Awareness Program**

A safety awareness program for staff at the state veterans' nursing home In Land O' Lakes near Tampa reduced the number of claims processed from 23 to 13 for savings of \$111,332. The program begins with the facility's new employee orientation and continues with regular in-service training sessions reinforcing the importance of safety, combined with daily rounds by the Risk Manager. For more information, please contact Jan Odell at (813) 558-5000 ext. 203 or email [odellj@fdva.state.fl.us](mailto:odellj@fdva.state.fl.us). 2006-FDVA-001

**For a list of adaptable achievements in the field of Workers Compensation from the 2003-2005 awards competitions, please click [here](#).**