

Oregon Workers' Compensation Educational Conference



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Time	Room	Event	Presenters
7-8 a.m.	Mt. St. Helens Foyer	Registration	---
	Multnomah	Continental breakfast	---
8-9 a.m.	Mt. St. Helens Ballroom	State of the industry: Update and Modernization update	Matt West , Interim Administrator, WCD; and Heather Williamson , Modernization Program manager, WCD
9:15-10:15 a.m.	---	Breakouts:	---
	Mt. St. Helens Ballroom	WC 101: From Injury to Closure, Pt. 1	Jaylee Hlad-Mosgrove , Chief Asst. Ombuds, Ombuds Office for Oregon Workers; Dan Schmelling , Claims Supervisor, SAIF Corp.; and Julie Stratton , Benefit Consultant, BCU, WCD
	Weyerhaeuser	The Preferred Worker Program – Demystifying Benefits With a Case Study	Christy Johnson , Reemployment Specialist, PWP, WCD; and Tim Kessel , Worksite Modification Consultant, PWP, WCD
	Crown-Zellerbach	Discussing Our Culture: Intersection of Physical and Psychological Safety	Andy Rohner , Sr. Safety Management Consultant, SAIF Corp.; and Toni King-Byous , DEI Business Partner, SAIF Corp.
10:30-11:30 a.m.	---	Breakouts:	---
	Mt. St. Helens Ballroom	WC 101: From Injury to Closure, Pt. 2	Jaylee Hlad-Mosgrove , Chief Asst. Ombuds, Ombuds Office for Oregon Workers; Dan Schmelling , Claims Supervisor, SAIF Corp.; and Molly Van Houten , Benefit Consultant, BCU, WCD
	Weyerhaeuser	FAQ With the Small Business Ombudsman (25 minutes)	Caitlin Breitbach , Small Business Ombudsman, Office of Small Business Ombudsman
	Weyerhaeuser	Maximizing Worksite Productivity With Oregon WCD Return-to-Work Programs (25 minutes)	Zoe Tacadena , Reemployment Specialist, PWP, WCD; and Donita White , Reimbursement Specialist, SIRR Unit, WCD
	Crown-Zellerbach	Embracing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to Support Our Employees and Customers	Toni King-Byous , DEI Business Partner, SAIF Corp.; and Sonji Young , Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, SAIF Corp.
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	Mt. St. Helens Ballroom	Networking lunch	---
1-2 p.m.	---	Breakouts:	---
	Weyerhaeuser	First Payment of Time Loss	Sara Kessler , Auditor, Audit Unit, WCD
	Mt. St. Helens Ballroom	Recordables and Reportables, Pt. 1	Bob Hamre , Sr. Field Investigator, ECU, WCD; and Craig Hamelund , Education Specialist, OR-OSHA
	Crown-Zellerbach	Risk Rx: The Prescription to Lowering Your Driver's Risk Level, Pt. 1	Andrew Crites , Vice President & CEO, Oregon Driver Education Center
2:15-3:15 p.m.	---	Breakouts:	---
	Weyerhaeuser	Diving Into the Medical Arbitrator Process (25 minutes)	Sara Claessens , Appellate Review Specialist, ARU, WCD; and Lori Harris , Appellate Review Specialist, WCD
	Weyerhaeuser	Workers' Compensation Dispute Resolution Process (25 minutes)	Cathy Ostrand-Ponsioen , Legal Issues Coordinator, Policy, WCD
	Mt. St. Helens Ballroom	Recordables and Reportables, Pt. 2	Bob Hamre , Sr. Field Investigator, ECU, WCD; and Craig Hamelund , Education Specialist, OR-OSHA

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	Crown-Zellerbach	Risk Rx: The Prescription to Lowering your Driver's Risk Level, Pt. 2	Andrew Crites , Vice President & CEO, Oregon Driver Education Center
3:30-4:30 p.m.	---	Breakouts:	---
	Crown-Zellerbach	Appellate Update With the Oregon Workers' Compensation Board	Lauren Eldridge , Interim Managing Attorney, WCB; and Heidi Havercroft , Sr. Staff Attorney, WCB
	Mt. St. Helens Ballroom	Claim Obligations for Employers and Providers	Mikaela Polk , Field Investigator, ECU, WCD
	Weyerhaeuser	Physical Therapy to Maximize Function and Reduce Time Away From Work and Costs for the Injured Worker	Jonathan M. Kirsch , PT, DPT, CMPT, ATI Physical Therapy
4:30-5:30 p.m.	Multnomah	Reception with exhibitors	---

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8:30-9:30 a.m.	Mt. St. Helens Ballroom	Keynote: Both Sides of the Bar	Sydney Montanaro , Attorney, Thomas, Coon, Newton, & Frost; Lauren Oda , Attorney, SBH Legal; and Kirsten Schrock , Resolution Section Manager, WCD
9:45-10:45 a.m.	---	Breakouts:	---
	Mt. St. Helens Ballroom	Claims Processing: Legislative and Rule Updates (30 minutes)	Matt West , Interim Administrator, WCD
	Mt. St. Helens Ballroom	Language Matters (20 minutes)	Autumn Blake , Communications Coordinator, Communications, WCD
	Weyerhaeuser	Total Worker Health Awareness	Katia Costa-Black , PhD, Sr. Manager for Education and Partnerships, Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences; and Liz Hill , Total Worker Health Adviser, SAIF Corp.
	Crown-Zellerbach	Top 10 Reasons for Disputes and How to Avoid Them	Nicholas Ring , Medical Reviewer, Medical Resolution, WCD; and Lin Allen , Sanctions Representative, Sanctions, WCD
11 a.m.-noon	---	Breakouts:	---
	Crown-Zellerbach	WCD Claim Submission Tips (25 minutes)	Olivia Brookman , Claims Research Specialist, Claim Records, WCD
	Crown-Zellerbach	801 Processing and Completing for Insurers (25 minutes)	Keith Johnson , Claims Trainer, Claim Records, WCD
	Weyerhaeuser	Preventing Chronic Illness and Disability in the Workplace Vis-à-Vis the Total Worker Health Approach	Katia Costa-Black , PhD, Sr. Manager for Education and Partnerships, Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences
	Mt. St. Helens Ballroom	The Perspective From the Injured Worker	Barbra Anderson , Ombuds for Oregon Workers, Ombuds Office for Oregon Workers; Kate Suisman , Attorney, Northwest Workers' Justice Project; and Keith Semple , Attorney, Johnson, Johnson, Lucas, & Middleton

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