



NORTH DAKOTA WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE – FLOOD FIGHTING

PURPOSE

Provide safety tips for flood fighting activities and guidance as to who is covered by WSI worker's compensation coverage, and when they are covered or not covered during times of disaster, including flooding.

For more information contact WSI at 800-777-5033 or visit workforcesafety.com.

SAFETY TIPS FOR FLOOD FIGHTING

- Make sure everyone is aware of the surroundings as sandbag filling and placement involves mobile equipment and workers
- Carbon Monoxide (CO) can build up when sandbag filling operations are indoors from equipment powered with fuel
 - Make sure that indoor operations are adequately ventilated
 - Monitor CO levels for indoor operations when fuel powered equipment is used
- Limit bending and twisting when filling and positioning sandbags
- Make sure that workers rotate tasks to prevent overuse injuries and use equipment whenever possible

EMPLOYERS WITH EXISTING WSI COVERAGE

Who is Covered

Employees under the direction and control of their employer, directed by the employer to participate in flood fighting activities

Employers who have taken the optional coverage on themselves through their WSI policy **AND** the flood fighting activities are related to the protection of their business property or assets



Who is Not Covered

Employees released by their employer, without specific direction, to help in flood fighting activities

Employees injured while protecting their own property



VOLUNTEER COVERAGE

Political subdivisions, civic groups, churches, etc.
with people volunteering their services for flood fighting activities

Organizations with Existing Volunteer Coverage

Continue to provide WSI a roster of volunteers prior to the volunteer engaging in flood fighting activities

Organizations Needing Coverage

Must secure Volunteer Coverage with WSI prior to flood fighting activities, call 800-777-5033

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Cost of volunteer coverage is \$9.14 per volunteer subject to a minimum premium of \$250