



Get the Facts – Fraud Investigation by BWC



This month we welcome Special Agent Matthew Wallace of the Ohio BWC.

Special Agent Matthew Wallace has been employed by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Special Investigative Department, for the past 12 years. Currently, SA Wallace investigates and pursues claims fraud as it relates to injured workers. As a result of these investigations, SA Wallace identifies fraudulent activities, declares overpayments, pursues prosecutions, and assists in the collection of restitution payments -- all of which directly impact the effectiveness that the Ohio BWC experiences in decreasing premium costs. Prior to his employment at the Ohio BWC, SA Wallace was employed as Police Officer and Detective in the states of Maryland and Ohio. SA Wallace obtained a Bachelor's Degree from Youngstown State University and a Master's Degree from Bowling Green State University, both in the area of Criminal Justice. With today's presentation, SA Wallace hopes to provide a high-level overview of what the BWC Special Investigations Department can offer, to all employers, as it relates to Workers' Compensation fraud or abuse.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Dec. 20th Holiday Program

Jan. 24th Workplace Violence

Feb. 28th Bullying

Mar. 28th De-escalation Tactics

Apr. 25th BWC Awards

**FRAUD
ALERT**

ASK ROBIN

Q: How do I correctly perform a monthly fire extinguisher inspection?

A: First, know this monthly inspection is mandatory via OSHA and National Fire Codes. This inspection can be done inhouse by an employee and documented. There are a variety of items you want to inspect monthly on fire extinguishers:

- The extinguisher is properly mounted and not blocked or covered from view.
- The extinguisher is charged (in the green) and ready for use.
- The tamper seal is on and is holding the pin in place.
- There isn't any physical damage to the extinguisher.
- Nothing is blocking the nozzle (look in it)
- The extinguisher is full by weighing it. (mandatory for CO2)
- The nameplate is visible when you remount the extinguisher.
- There is a valid maintenance tag on the extinguisher that the inspector signs and dates.



UPCOMING BWC TRAINING CLASSES

BWC Classroom Training at the North Canton Office

Dec. 4th-5th OSHA10: Construction Safety Basics (2 days)

Dec. 12th Safety for the Non-Safety Professional

Jan. 8th Transportation-Injury Prevention Tips for Truck Drivers (a.m.)



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