

# Injured Workers' Day



**Come to Queen's Park  
Toronto – Ontario Legislature  
Wednesday June 1, 2011  
11:00 am**

## **In 10 years, the WSIB...**

- Paid \$2 billion to employers in rebates
- Reduced employer premiums for WSIB coverage by 27%
- Cut injured worker benefits by 20% compared to the cost-of-living

**Come and tell Premier McGuinty to stop this unfairness!**

For more information, call the Ontario Network of Injured Workers Groups (ONIWG) at 905-745-1003; IAVGO at 416-924-6477; IWC at 416-461-2411 or TWHSLC at 416-971-8832

# Impacts of Workplace Injury

## Is This What Justice Meredith Envisioned?

### A Study of the Economic and Social Impacts of Workplace Injury and Illness

#### KEY FINDINGS

- 61% of injured workers surveyed were unemployed after injury, while 89% were employed full time prior to injury.
- The poverty rate amongst injured workers was 2-4 times higher than in the general population of Ontario
- Nearly one in five injured workers (18%) was on social assistance
- About 20% of respondents lost their home after injury
- One in five injured workers was living in extreme poverty after injury (less than \$10,000 income per year). Forty-one percent of injured workers reported an income of less than \$15,000.
- One in five injured workers no longer had a car after injury
- Findings indicate a 13-fold increase in food bank use post-injury. Sixty-four respondents reported that they had used food banks after injury, compared with 5 who reported having used food banks before their injury.
- The incidence of subsidized housing use more than doubled after injury. Twenty-five respondents reported using subsidized housing after injury compared with 12 before injury.
- Almost half (46%) of the injured workers reported depression as a result of their workplace injury.
- Two-thirds of injured worker reported losing friends as a result of work injury, while 18% reported that they had lost their family.

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