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**INCREASE IN INJURED WORKER BENEFITS – IT’S ABOUT FAIRNESS**  
*McGuinty Government Helps Injured Workers***NEWS**

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Ontario is helping workers who have been injured on the job by increasing their Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) benefits by two-and-a-half per cent as of January 1, 2009.

This increase is in addition to the two-and-a-half per cent increases made on July 1, 2007 and January 1, 2008, respectively. These increases apply to Ontario workers who are permanently, partially disabled.

Before the 2007 Ontario Budget, injured workers saw benefits increase by less than three per cent over the previous 12 years. Cumulatively, as of January 1, 2009, the McGuinty government will have increased benefits by seven-and-a-half per cent over a period of 18 months.

**QUOTES**

“Workplace injuries often have a devastating effect on both the economic and social well-being of workers and their families,” said Labour Minister Peter Fonseca. “These benefit increases help injured workers and their families while we work to create a system that will benefit all workers.”

**QUICK FACTS**

- The benefit increase will apply to more than 150,000 injured workers in Ontario.

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Find out more about [The Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997 \(WSIA\)](#).