Online Injury Reporting Tool for Workplace Injuries: How to Gain Access, Log In and When to Report a Workplace Injury

Supervisors are an employee's first point of contact for incidents at work and should assist the employee in obtaining prompt medical attention when they have a work-related injury or illness. Documentation for the injury should be completed and submitted within 24 hours.

For every workplace incident, whether it is an injury/exposure, illness, incident, or near miss:

- An Accident / Incident Investigation Report (<u>AIIR form</u>) form must be completed and sent to Safety and Health <u>Safety.Health@sonoma-county.org</u>
 - The AIIR Form and Directions are located on the County's website: <u>https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/administrative-support-and-fiscal-services/human-resources/forms</u>
- Near Misses only require an AIIR form
- Incident only that are non-injuries, non-exposures where the employee does not need any sort of medical attention only requires an AIIR form
- If an employee wants an incident only "on the record" and requests a work comp claim form, complete the AIIR form and follow the directions below for the Online Injury Reporting Tool.
- If an employee doesn't want to file a workers' compensation claim but needs first aid at the work site (band-aid, ice pack, etc.), complete the AIIR form and follow the directions below for the Online Injury Reporting Tool. Any incident that is first aid or beyond must be filed with our workers' compensation administrator in the event the employee needs further medical attention or changes their mind about filing; this way, there are no delays in benefits.

Any workplace incident that results in an event or exposure in the work environment that either causes or contributes to the resulting condition or significantly aggravates a pre-existing condition will be reported on a supervisor report through the <u>Online Injury Reporting</u> <u>Tool.</u>

• Any reported or known workplace exposure—airborne contaminants, blood-borne pathogens, harmful physical agents, toxic materials, reaction to job-related vaccine, etc. must be reported through the Online Injury Reporting Tool: <u>www.intercareins.com</u>

- Any reported or known workplace physical injury that is first aid and beyond must be reported through the Online Injury Reporting Tool: <u>www.intercareins.com</u>
- Any reported or known workplace injury where the employee has sought medical care, even if an occupational health provider did not provide the medical care, must be reported through the Online Injury Reporting Tool: <u>www.intercareins.com</u>

In cases where it is not possible to report the injury through the Online Injury Reporting Tool, Supervisor Reports of Injury/Illness forms may still be completed by hand and emailed to the work comp email box: <u>workcomp@sonoma-county.org</u>

To help expedite the claims process for our employees and prevent unnecessary delays, all departments should use this sustainable online injury reporting tool whenever possible.

Online Injury Reporting Tool Directions:

- Visit Intercare's Website: <u>www.intercareins.com</u>
- Click on the "Client Login" button to access the login page.



- Logging in for the first time
- Request access by selecting the "Request Access" button
 - o Otherwise enter in your email address and password
- If you have forgotten your password you can select the "Forgot password" button

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If you have selected the "Request Access" button on the login page you will be directed to this form.

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Last Name			
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- Please enter your work email address.
- Your email address will be your user ID, and all communications through our website will be directed to this email address, including new claim confirmations and password re-sets
- If your email address changes during the course of your employment, please notify the workcomp email box at workcomp@sonoma-county.org immediately so this information can be updated with Intercare

- All requests for a login are validated by Intercare's account management team.
- To expedite the validation and set up process, please follow the guideline above for Company (Sonoma County), Employer (Your Department—i.e. DHS, HSD, SHF, CDC, WTR etc) and Carrier (Intercare),
- When you are ready to submit the form, select the blue "Request Access" button at the bottom of the form to submit your request.

Once you request your login, Intercare's IT Department will set-up your appropriate access and send you your login credentials via a secure email from icarehelp@intercareins.com. You will need to click on the link in the email to get your password. Below is a sample of the email that you will receive.

**You may need to log into your Outlook 365 to see the message. If the message from ICare Help has not shown up in your Outlook Desktop Version within 48 hours, please log into Outlook 365:

The default OWA link is: "<u>https://outlook.office365.com/mail/</u>" However - what I always find easiest to remember: just go to "<u>office.com</u>" in your browser - it should automatically log in with your Sonoma County credentials if you're on a County computer (otherwise, log in with your current County email/password)



Change Password

• If you need to change your password or contact information, Click on the gear icon in the upper right corner of the screen, next to your email address.

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- Here you can update your login profile and change your password.
- Remember to press the "Save" button when you are done.

aelliott@intercareins.com	Intercare
First Name	Job Title
Amanda	Account Manager
Last Name	Carrier
Elliott	
Phone	Employer
(818) 459-8214	Intercare Holdings Insurance Services, Inc.
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Reporting a New Claim

- 1st screen—Pick Incident date, then click "Next"
 - Incident date is the date the *employee* knew of the injury, which could be the day they are telling you as it just happened or the day the employee went to their doctor and they discovered they had a workplace injury

- Cumulative/Ergonomic/Repetitive Motion Injury: An ergonomic, repetitive motion or cumulative trauma injury is caused by repeated actions or activities over a period of time. It is usually not possible to determine the exact date an ergonomic injury began. Therefore, the method to establish the "Date of Injury" for an ergonomic injury for reporting and recordkeeping purposes is to determine which of the following occurred first:
 - The date the injury was first reported, or
 - The date of diagnosis by licensed medical professional, or
 - If the employee is currently off work, the first day of lost time due to this injury.
 - These events could all happen on the same day, but, in most circumstances, one will occur before the other(s). Confirm which of these occurred first, and enter the date that event as the "Date of Injury".
- **Re-injury:** If this is believed to be a reoccurrence of a previous injury which healed and resolved, clearly note this is in section 5 that this is believed to be a "re-injury" and enter the date (month, day, and year) the body part was re-injured.

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• 2nd screen--Pick Policy, then click "Next"

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- 3rd screen--Enter in Employee Information, then click "Next"
 - All fields that are outlined in blue are required to submit a new claim.
 - You cannot move forward until all blue fields are completed.
 - Address
 - City
 - State
 - Zip Code
 - Gender
 - Occupation
 - Under what class code of your policy were wages assigned
 - Pick closet Government class codes to your employees' job
 - 7722- Police, Sheriffs, Marshals, Animal Control, Correctional Offices, Fish and Wildlife
 - o 8812- Libraries
 - 9410 Municipal, State, or other public agency employees, not engaged in manual labor
 - o 9420 Municipal, State or Other public agency employees- all other
 - o 9422, Road Districts or Departments
 - **If you have information for non-mandatory fields, it is recommended you provide that information now. Otherwise, the claims team will need to follow-up with you to collect missing information at a later date.

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Employee Information		Back Next Cancel		
First Name	Address	Gender		
Karen	124 Main St	Male Female Non-Binary		
Middle Initial	City	Date of Birth		
	required	mm/dd/yyyy		
Last Name	State	Date of Hire		
Sinclair	Select State 🔹	mm/dd/yyyy		
Social Security Number	Zip Code	Occupation		
	required	Select Occupation 🔹		
Employee Number	Phone	Under What Class Code of Your Policy Were Wages Assigned?		
		Select Class Code 🔹		
Gross Wage	USUAIIY WORKS Hours Days Per Total	Employement Status at Time of Injury		
\$0.00 Hourly V	Per Day Week Weekly	Full-Time		

- 4th screen—Employer Information, then click "Next"
 - \circ This section will auto-populate required information based on your User Login ID
 - If you can confirm which division/unit/team the employee works for, **please** complete this information in the highlighted fields now.
 - Organization 1
 - Organization 2
 - Organization 3

Employer Information		Back Next Cancel
Firm Name	Address	State Unemployment Account Number
Demo Insured	123 Main Street	
Policy Number	City	Nature of Business
DEMO-2014	Rocklin	
Organization 1	State	Type of Employer
Resources Management •	California 🔹	Private •
Organization 2	Zip Code	
Roads & Bridges •	95561	
Organization 3	Phone Number	
Roads •	(916) 555-1212	

- 5th Screen—Incident Information, then click on Report Claim
 - o <u>All fields highlighted in blue</u> are required to submit a new claim.
 - You cannot move forward until all required fields are completed.
 - Unable to work for at least one full day
 - Yes if EE left in during their shift to go home or seek medical treatmnet
 - No, if EE completed their assigned shift
 - Date of Employer's Knowledge of Injury/Illness
 - The date that the employee knew of the injury, which could be the day they are telling you as it just happened or the day the employee went to their doctor and discovered they had a workplace injury
 - Date Employee was Provided Claim Form
 - The DWC-1 form will be provided by the Disability Management Team, which will be provided 1 business day after the injury accrued.
 Please date this section for the next business day.
 - If the incident happened on a Friday, please date this section for the next business day
 - If the incident happened on a day before a holiday, please date this section for that next business day
 - Unable to Work for at Least One Full Day?
 - Answer NO if
 - EE has continued working, no days missed because of injury
 - Answer YES if
 - If EE left during their shift
 - EE is calling out sick for their shift because of injury
 - EE has been off work, and is now reporting the injury to you
 - Still Off Work?

- Answer NO if
 - o EE has continued working
 - o EE has returned to work since injury
- Answer YES if
 - \circ EE is off work

Incident Information	Back Preview FROI	Report Claim Cancel
Incident Date	Time of Injury	Time Began Work
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mm/dd/yyyy	Day?	mm/dd/yyyy
Date Returned to Work	Tes NO	Paid Full Wages For Day Of Inj
mm/dd/yyyy	Still Off Work?	Last Day Worked?
Salary Being Continued?	Yes No	Yes No
Yes No	Date of Employer's Knowledge of Injury / Illness	Date Employee Was Provided Claim Form
	mm/dd/www	mm/dd/yyyy

- When completing the fields in this section of the form, it is important that you are as specific as possible to the best of your knowledge. The adjuster will be using this information to investigate and confirm the compensability of the claim.
 - Only the blue highlighted boxes are mandatory; all other boxes are optional, but if you have the information, please fill in the form.
 - If you are unsure and the box is not highlighted in blue, then please leave as is and move to the next question
- Lack of details in the claim could delay the claim process and benefits that may be owed to our employee.
- If you have additional comments regarding claim investigation or employee status, you can include them in the "additional comments" section.
 - Specify Injury / Illness, Part of body Affected, and Medical Diagnosis if available
 - Stress, Strain, Sprain, pain, cut, bruise, rash, scrape, soreness, etc.

- o Body Part
 - Select from the drop-down list the most appropriate
- Nature of Injury
 - Select from the drop-down list the most appropriate
- Department Where Event or Exposure Occurred
- Provide the name of the building and location, AND the zip code of the location (e.g. loading dock, jail cell, cubicle, etc.) where the injury occurred. For injuries that occurred outside of County locations, provide the address.
- Equipment, Materials and Chemicals the Employee was Using when Event or Exposure Occurred
 - Describe the equipment, materials, or tool being used when the injury occurred
- \circ Specify Activity the Employee was Performing when Event or Exposure Occurred
 - Describe the activity, job or task being performed.
 - Examples: Loading boxes; restraining a suspect; data entry; climbing a ladder; driving.
 - Did the event occur during overtime?
 - Was repetitive motion activity involved?
- How Injury/Illness Occurred, Describe Sequence of Events
 - Provide a full description of the events and circumstances related to the injury, including the events leading up to the injury and the medical response, if applicable.
 - Provide the sequence of events; the who, what, when, where, how.
 We are not looking for the fault of injury, just the facts of what happened to cause the injury
 - Remember to write in all the details. Leaving out information may severely compromise the initial claims investigation. This report is the foundation of all compensability investigations; an incomplete report can lead to a delay in benefits for your employee

Sample of form on next page.

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Specify Injury / Illness, Part of Body Affected and Medical Diagnosis if available

required

Body Part

Select Body Part

Nature of Injury

Select Nature of Injury

Department Where Event or Exposure Occurred (e.g. shipping department, machine shop)

Equipment, Materials and Chemicals the Employee was Using When Event or Exposure Occurred (e.g. acetylene torch, farm tractor, scaffold)

Specify Activity the Employee Was Performing When Event or Exposure Occurred (e.g. welding seams of metal forms, loading boxes onto truck)

required

How Injury/Illness Occurred. Describe Sequence of Events. Specify Object or Exposure Which Directly Produced the Injury/Illness

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- Boxes outlined in blue must be completed to submit the form
 - Location where event Occurred
 - $\circ \ \, \text{Address}$
 - o City
 - \circ State
 - o Zip code
- Please fill out all other boxes with the information if known
 - o Boxes highlighted in blue must be completed
 - For all other boxes, please complete what you know
 - If you are unsure of the answer, please leave as is and move to next question

Emergency Evaluation, dia	ig testing and medical procedu	ires 🔻	
Yes No	Other Workers Injured? Yes No	Employee Treated inEmergency Room?YesNo	Hospitalized as Inpatient Overnight? Yes No
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Address	Address		Address
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State	State		State
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Zip Code	Zip Code		Zip Code
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County	Phone		Phone

After all fields have been completed – <u>scroll to the top</u> and press the blue "Report Claim" button.

Incident Information	Back Preview FROI	Report Claim Cancel
Incident Date	Time of Injury	Time Began Work
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mm/dd/yyyy	Day? Yes No	mm/dd/yyyy
Date Returned to Work		Paid Full Wages For Day Of Injury or

LAST SCREEN---SUBMISSION COMPLETED

• Once you have submitted the new claim, you will see a confirmation notice confirming that it was successfully submitted.

Your first report of injury (FROI) was successfully submitted.					
Attach File(s) Report Another Claim Home					

- You can add attachments, such as:
 - Witness statements
 - Medical notes
 - Vehicle reports for car accidents
- Report another Claim, or
- Select "Home", which will take you back to the claim submission page.
- A list of submissions you have made under your login will be available if you are interrupted while you are submitting a new claim, you can pick up where you left off and select "Continue."

New Claim					aelliott@intercareins.c	om 🌣 log off
Claim Submissions						
Claimant Name	Reported 4	Status				
Amanda Farhang	January 15, 2021 12:06 PM	Incomplete	Continue	Cancel	Attachments (0)	*
Test Testing	January 5, 2021 9:58 AM	Queued	Continue	Cancel	Attachments (0)	