



Yukon Workers'  
Compensation  
Health and  
Safety Board

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### **Translation assistance available for employers and foreign workers**

Whitehorse: As foreign workers integrate into the Yukon workforce, YWCHSB has decided to be pro active in an area that will assist both employers and these new workers.

For many foreign workers English is not their first language. This sometimes results in them having difficulty fully comprehending oral and written information that is important for their health and safety on the job.

To assist both employers and workers with any issues related to assessment premiums, injury claims or health and safety issues under OH&S regulations, YWCHSB is pleased to announce that it has partnered with Work Safe BC to access translation services that include 170 different languages.

To use this service, employers or workers should contact a representative of YWCHSB and explain the nature of their request. YWCHSB will be able to provide over-the-phone interpretive services within minutes of a request.

The Chair of the Yukon Chamber of Commerce, Andy Stouffer is pleased YWCHSB has negotiated access to this kind of service – a real bonus for a jurisdiction of Yukon's size. "Having access to interpretive services on matters related to WCB is another positive step towards increasing client services that benefit employers, managers and workers", says Andy.

And, from the President of the Yukon Federation of Labour, Alex Furlong, "The YFL is supportive so that newcomers to Yukon have the full understanding of their health and safety rights".

This translation service is available now.

To find out more or to request a translation service please contact YWCHSB at (867) 667-5645 or call toll free at 1-800-661-0443.

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