



Support for Families After a Workplace Tragedy

Losing a loved one due to a workplace injury or occupational disease is an unimaginable loss, and we want to express our deepest condolences to you and your family during this difficult time.

At **WCB Nova Scotia**, we are here to support you—not only by providing financial assistance but also by helping you navigate this process with care and understanding.

We know that no amount of support can ease the pain of your loss, but we want to ensure you have the resources and assistance you need. A dedicated Case Manager will be available to guide you through the claims process, answer any questions, and help you access the benefits and services available to you.

If you ever need assistance or have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here for you.

Financial Support for Families



One-Time Payments

- A **\$15,000 benefit** is provided to help support your immediate financial needs.
- An additional **\$15,000 Burial Benefit** is available to assist with personal arrangements following your loved one's passing.



Ongoing Benefits

- Monthly benefits equal to **85% of your loved one's wages** will be provided to the surviving spouse **until at least age 65**. These payments will continue until the later of either the date the worker would have turned **65** or the date the surviving spouse reaches **65**.
- **5% of these benefits** will be set aside for a survivor annuity, which will be provided as a **one-time payment at age 65**.



Support for Children

- If there are surviving children, **monthly benefits** will be provided to the spouse until the child turns **18**.
- If the child pursues post-secondary education, benefits **may continue up to age 25**, depending on the length of their program.

Additional Support

We understand that financial assistance is only one part of the healing process. That's why we have partnered with **Threads of Life**, an organization dedicated to helping families affected by workplace tragedies. Threads of Life offers opportunities to connect with others who have faced similar losses, providing a network of support, understanding, and healing.

To learn more, you can speak with your Case Manager or visit the Threads of Life website: threadsoflife.ca/find-support/

Once your benefits are in place, your Case Manager will remain available to assist you with any questions or additional support you may need.

Please know that you are not alone—we are here to help you through this.