

## Workers' Compensation Rates Hold Steady in 2012

The Washington State Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) has announced that there will be no overall increase in workers' compensation rates for 2012. In September the agency proposed a 2.5% overall increase, but public testimony about the impact of the recession and a drop in claims duration led to the shelving of the proposed rate increase.

Employers may still see their rates go up or down, however, based on their individual recent claims history and changes in claims cost and frequency within their industry. For help reducing your exposure to workers' compensation claims and safety risks, contact EmPower HR Consulting.

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