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Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner presented his recommendations to the Workers' Compensation Act Committee of Review

Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner, Ronald J. Kruzeniski Q.C., presented his recommendations to the Workers' Compensation Act Committee of Review today. Kruzeniski stated:

Currently, the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) is a "government institution" pursuant to *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP) and a "trustee" pursuant to *The Health Information Protection Act* (HIPA). However, these laws do not apply to the claim files of workers. Workers in Saskatchewan do not enjoy the same access and privacy rights and protections as workers in most other provinces and territories. FOIP, now and particularly after it is updated, provides a comprehensive scheme and set of rules for the access to information and for the protection of privacy.

And he recommended:

I urge the Committee of Review to recommend that WCB be fully subject to FOIP and not be subject to HIPA.

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