

What incidents are important to WCIA?

As discussed at the May Full Board training session, WCIA encourages members to report incidents as early as possible. During the training it was asked if there is a list available for member usage. The [WCIA Claims Manual](#) is the resource members can consult regarding what incidents to report and the red flags for possible incidents. Page 8 of the manual lists the following:

Examples of incidents that should be reported immediately:

- Fatality involving a member vehicle
- Fatality involving member equipment/premise/crosswalk/street
- Jail suicide
- Police shooting
- Sewer back-up causing damage to property
- Water main break causing damage to property
- Major property damage to member facility

Other types of Incidents to report:

- Slip/trip/falls on premises, walkways, and sidewalks
- Auto accidents resulting in injuries or property damage
- Injury at a park or during a city-run sporting event/recreation program
- Police use of force causing bodily injury
- Storm drain flooding causing damage to property
- City trees falling on private property causing damage

Red Flags for possible Incidents:

- Public record requests:
 - For accident history for a location/intersection
 - For staff reports, emails, notes for a development/plat/permit
- Citizen complaints:
 - Regarding interaction with a police officer claiming violation of rights, excessive force, pattern of repeated problems
- Media interest such as:
 - "Child flown to Trauma Center after falling from playground at park."
 - "Police rough with son, woman says."

As always, if you have any questions about incidents or want to talk through a situation that may result in a claim, feel free to contact Claims Manager Harlan Stientjes at harlans@wciapool.org or 206-687-7902.