

# 2022 liability assessment notice

The 2022 WCIA liability notice of assessment was mailed to member delegates on July 30, 2021. This notice of assessment is provided mid-year for member budget purposes. This year's letter coincides with a letter from President Deborah Knight and Executive Director Ann Bennett explaining the rate increase passed by the Executive Committee on July 9, 2021.

An overall average rate increase of 19.4% was recommended by PwC, WCIA's independent actuary, due to large increases in reinsurance costs and poor member claim development. The expansion of tort law, nuclear verdicts, very large settlements in high profile cases, the social justice movement, the costs of construction and the costs of car repairs are all elements of why this is occurring. In past years, WCIA was able to subsidize rates utilizing undesignated member reserves but due to a multiple year decreases in net position it is no longer an option. This is not unique to WCIA and why the traditional insurance carriers are raising rates or completely pulling out of public risk in the State of Washington and nationally.

WCIA's commitment to reducing risks continues and staff remains available to assist members in evaluating their overall risk profile. WCIA Deputy Director [Rob Roscoe](#) is available to answer specific questions regarding the actuary's rate determinations.

Please contact Finance and Administrative Services Manager [Jared Burbidge](#) if you do not receive your notice or if you have any questions about the assessment process.