

YOUR WORKERS' COMPENSATION POLICY GUIDE South Carolina

Builders Mutual provides insurance coverage exclusively to the construction industry. It's not just our specialty—it's all we do. Headquartered in North Carolina, our market now includes the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast. We have a history with the North Carolina Home Builders Association, and maintain strong partnerships with various industry associations. From the groundbreaking to the ribbon cutting, we are by your side, helping you avoid risks and enjoy a job well done.

Whether you're dealing with your risk management consultant, auditor or claims adjuster, trust that you have the industry experts at work with you.

Enclosed is your workers' compensation policy; please read carefully and retain for your records. If you have any questions about this policy or any other matter related to Builders Mutual – please contact your Agent or our Company.

Customer Contact Center: (800) 809-4859 Report a claim: (800) 809-4862 Manage your claim: (800) 809-4861

We appreciate the opportunity to meet your commercial insurance needs and look forward to servicing your future insurance needs.

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PREMIUM ACCOUNTING

Payment Plans

Builders Mutual offers the following payment plans (policyholders may change plans at renewal only):

Monthly Self-Reporting

With our convenient system of monthly reporting, your monthly premium is based on your actual payroll for the previous month. Policyholders will receive a monthly worksheet. Enter GROSS payroll by classification(s) for the period during the month coverage was in effect. If you did not have payroll during a month, mark "NO PAYROLL" on the report. Completed reports should be submitted with the appropriate premium payment to Builders Mutual by the 20th of each month.

- Online Monthly Self-Reporting is available. Login, enter your payroll and the system will calculate the amount due. You must make an online payment to complete the process.
- Paper worksheets can be mailed to Builders Mutual, PO Box 900017, Raleigh, NC 27675-00017 or emailed to: premiumaccounting@bmico.com.

Monthly Bill 10-Pay

For those whose annual premium is greater than \$1,500, have steady payroll and want a fixed payment plan. This plan allows for 20% of the total amount (premium + expense constant) to be due at application and we will bill for the remaining 9 installments.

4-Pay, Quarterly

For those whose annual premium is greater than \$1,500. This plan allows for 25% of the total amount (premium + expense constant) to be due at application. We will bill for the remaining 3 installments.

2-Pay, Semi-Annual

For those whose annual premium is greater than \$1,500. This plan allows for %50 of the total amount (premium + expense constant) to be due at application. We will bill for the remaining installment.

Annual

Policies that are less than \$1,500 in annual premium are required to be on the annual pay plan. In addition, policyholders who wish to pay one annual premium may select this plan. No deposit is required.

How to pay your bill

Mail: Send your remittance coupon along with your check to:

Builders Mutual Insurance Company PO Box 900027, Raleigh, NC 27675-0027

Phone: Pay with credit/debit card, or electronic check. Call our Customer Contact Center at

(800) 809-4859, Monday-Friday, 8am to 6pm EST.

Online: Pay with a credit/debit card, or electronic check. Go online to pay your bill:

buildersmutual.com/policyholders

Auto-draft: Go online to register individual policies for an automated recurring payment option.

Premium will be drafted directly from your checking account.

Go Paperless

Go online to select Go Paperless and receive your policy documents via email.

Returned Checks or Electronic Payments

All checks and electronic payments that are returned for insufficient funds or any other reasons will subject the policyholder to a \$25.00 charge per payment.

Renewals

The policy will renew on the renewal date listed on the declaration page. However, policies that incur losses are subject to review by the Underwriting department for continued acceptability.

Cancellation

Cancellation of insurance coverage may result because of the following:

- Non-Payment of premium, including NSF returned check, failure to submit monthly self-audit worksheets, failure to submit to or pay year-end audit, failure to pay deposit balance
- Failure to meet Risk Management or Underwriting requirements and standards
- Determination that continuation would jeopardize solvency or place insurer in violation of insurance laws
- Violation of policy terms or conditions
- Material misrepresentation on the application
- Substantial change in the risk assumed if such change should not have been forseen by the insurer
 or contemplated in the rate
- Substantial breach of contractual duties, warranties, or conditions
- If the insurer loses its reinsurance for the risk

Please note that, should a policyholder request the cancellation of its workers' compensation policy prior to the renewal date, there will be a short rate penalty assessed according to the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) table. Please contact your agent for more details.

Termination - Policyholder's Request

Requests for termination of coverage must be received in writing and must include:

- Signature of an Owner or Officer
- Reason for Termination

Termination - Duplicate Coverage

In the event that a policyholder replaces coverage with a new carrier, the policyholder must send proof of coverage (letter of assumption or copy of new policy) in order to cancel the policy on the effective date of the new coverage.

PREMIUM AUDIT

The premium shown on your policy is an estimate based on your business's classifications and premium basis at the time your policy is issued. An audit will be conducted at the conclusion of the policy period to determine the "final" audited premium using the actual premium basis and classifications that apply to your business covered by this policy. You may be contacted by a representative to conduct a physical onsite audit of your financial records or you may be requested to submit information online to determine the "final" premium. Completing the audit helps to ensure you are paying the right price for your Builders Mutual insurance coverage. Your failure to cooperate with any audit request may result in our estimating your final premium.

Variables affecting your audit

Classifications

If at any time you have questions about properly classifying your operations, please contact us at (800) 809-4859. General audit information is available at **buildersmutual.com/audit.**

Subcontractors

Subcontractors can represent an additional exposure to loss for you and the insurance company. Policyholders are required to pay premiums for all uninsured subcontractors, whether or not they have fewer than three employees. The following information outlines premium determination for subcontractors.

Workers' Compensation

Policyholders will not be charged for the payroll of subcontractors if they provide Certificates of Insurance for subcontractors to Builders Mutual at the time of the audit. Without a Certificate of Insurance the amount paid to the subcontractors will be treated as remuneration and a premium charge will be made. This requirement includes subcontractors who do not have employees.

Subcontractor waivers are not accepted.

Your records

As a business owner, you know the importance of keeping accurate records. After the expiration of each policy period, a Builders Mutual auditor will contact you for an appointment. Remember, records that are properly maintained allow for a fair audit to be completed.

When it's time for your annual audit, the following records will be required by your auditor:

- Cash disbursement journal showing monthly totals for:
 - (1) materials
 - (2) subcontractors
 - (3) cash payments to individuals or day laborers not included in your payroll register
- Payroll journal and summary showing:
 - (1) monthly and quarterly totals
 - (2) separate totals by type of work
 - (3) separate overtime records
 - (4) check register
 - (5) quarterly reports: 941 (federal), ESC (state)
 - (6) W2s and W3s, 1099s and 1096s
- Also necessary for payroll are individual earning records showing:
 - (1) type of work performed
 - (2) gross payroll by month and quarter
 - (3) overtime by month and quarter.

Basis of premium is the entire remuneration, cash or non-cash. This can include overtime, bonuses, vacation pay, commissions, and sick pay. Exceptions to remuneration include the premium portion of overtime, tips, severance pay, and payment to group insurance or pension plans.

RISK MANAGEMENT

When you define, identify, analyze and plan for the risks associated with your company's operations, you are protecting your bottom line. That's risk management. Builders Mutual has an entire risk management department dedicated to helping you do just that. As part of our services, we may contact you for a complimentary onsite visit by one of our experienced consultants. Thank you in advance for your assistance in scheduling this at a mutually agreeable time.

Our risk management team focuses on safety, injury prevention and other business-related losses. We have adopted a proactive approach to controlling losses through education and empowerment.

Resources

Visit the Risk Management section of our website and find numerous resources to help you develop your own safety program. Navigate to **buildersmutual.com/RM**; all the tools you need are right at your fingertips. Resources include:

- Selection of Tool Box talks to use during safety meetings.
- Sample safety policy to use as a baseline and customize to meet your needs.
- Selection of sample safety program modules to customize.
- Details on our Fall Protection Program and educational opportunities.
- WorkSafe 101 "Know the Basics" New Employee Safety Orientation
- Safety products Builders Mutual's online ordering site allows you to purchase safety equipment at discounted prices.

Spanish Resources

Builders Mutual offers product, risk management and audit resources online in Spanish. Risk Management tool box talks, the safety policy and safety program modules, Fall Protection Certification Program requirements and more are at your fingertips and are designed to be used by Spanish-speaking policyholders or Spanish-speaking employees. Additionally, you can request a jobsite safety consultation from a Spanish-speaking Risk Management consultant. To view audit information in Spanish, go to buildersmutual.com/audit.

Builders University

Builders Mutual created Builders University as the industry's center for educational excellence, to assist policyholders in being proactive about safety and risk management.

Our instructors help your business strengthen its safety program and address risks that eat away at profits. We provide the tools necessary to develop a comprehensive, high-impact risk management strategy for your business.

Courses offered include:

- WorkSafe 101 (1 hour)
- Fall Protection (4 hours)
- Enterprise Risk Management for Contractors (3 hours)
- Safety Pays: A Practical Approach to Safety on Your Jobsite (4 hours)
- OSHA 10-Hour Construction Industry Safety Course (10 hours usually broken into two days)
- OSHA 30-Hour Construction Industry Safety Course (30 hours usually broken into four days)
- Defensive Driving Course (4 hours)
- Safety Talks (customized to meet your needs.)

For complete course descriptions, details and a list of upcoming courses, go to buildersmutual.com/bu.

CLAIMS

Accidents happen, and when they do, you can rely on our claims department to respond with unparalleled service, speed, and individual attention. Policyholders are assigned a single point of contact who handles your claim from beginning to end. We will thoroughly review your workers' medical bills and case documents, strive to get your vehicles back on the road and equipment back in working order, and protect your interests in costly litigation.

Reporting Claims

By Phone: Call our Claims Center at (800) 809-4862

By Email: wcnoticeofloss@bmico.com for workers' comp claims

otcnoticeofloss@bmico.com for all other claims

Online: Login and select Submit a Claim

Drug testing

Builders Mutual maintains a policy requiring post-injury drug and alcohol testing arising out of any alleged work-related accident. In order to receive workers' compensation coverage, **Builders Mutual expects** each employer to notify its employees of this Policy in order that they may be potentially eligible to receive workers' compensation benefits.

Enclosed is a Notice of this Policy and an Acknowledgment Form which should be made available to all employees. In the event of an alleged on-the-job injury arising out of an alleged work-related accident, the employee will be tested at the time medical treatment is first administered. Pursuant to our policy, Builders Mutual shall pay the cost of this Drug and Alcohol Test as a reasonable expense incurred at our request.

If the provider refuses to administer a drug and alcohol test, contact the Claims department at (800) 809-4861 while the injured person is at the medical facility. This will enable the Claims department to contact the medical provider to make arrangements to have a drug and alcohol test administered.

FORMS AND THEIR PURPOSE

Sole Proprietors/Partners – Sole proprietors/partners are excluded from a workers' comp policy but may elect to be covered by notification to BMIC via either written communication or on the ACORD 130 application.

The following information includes an outline of forms that are necessary to administer or change a policyholder's coverage.

Compliance Poster (Form 2) - The South Carolina Workers' Compensation Act requires this notice be posted in a conspicuous location where *all* employees can see it.

Corporate Officer Notice to Reject (Form 5) - Corporate officers are automatically included for coverage pursuant to the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Act unless exemption is made on this form. Withdrawal of a previous rejection must be submitted to BMIC in writing.

Report of Injury (Form 12-A) – The law requires you as the employer to report any injury within 10 business days of occurrence and knowledge. Failure to do so will result in fines of between \$10 and \$100. Prompt reporting will aid with prompt payment of compensable claims. A claims representative will complete this form if the injury is reported by telephone. Copies of the form will be mailed to the employer.

Statement of Earnings of Injured Employee (Form 20) – When reporting an accident that requires the injured employee to be out of work for more than seven days, this form must be completed. A copy of the completed form must be provided to the injured employee within 30 days of the date compensation begins. The employer shall report *gross* wages and shall include *gross* pay allowed for vacations, bonuses, overtime and allowances of any kind made to an employee in lieu of wages as specified in a wage contract. Failure to file and/or serve this form as set forth above may result in a \$100 fine and the possibility of an inflated compensation rate determined by a Commissioner.

SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CORPORATE OFFICER NOTICE TO REJECT

To the Employer of the Undersigned and the Employer's Insurance Carrier:

The undersigned officer rejects the terms, conditions, and provisions of the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Act and elects to pursue compensation for personal injuries under the common law and statutes of South Carolina.

As provided by law (Section 42-1-520), "An officer of a corporation who elects not to operate under this title, shall, in any action to recover damages for personal injury or death brought against an employer accepting the compensation provisions of this title, proceed at common law and the employer may avail himself of the defenses of contributory negligence, negligence of a fellow servant, and assumption of risk, as such defenses exist at common law."

This notice becomes effective on the date listed below, no sooner than the day following the date signed by the corporate officer.

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This form may be used when an officer desires to become exempt from the provisions of the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Act. For additional information regarding the provision of Section 42-1-520 and this form, contact your insurance carrier or the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission, Coverage and Compliance Division, Post Office Box 1715, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-1715, (803)737-5709.

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EMPLOYER'S INSTRUCTIONS

DO NOT ENTER DATA IN SHADED FIELDS

DATES: Enter all dates in MM/DD/YY format.

SIC CODE: This is the code which represents the nature of the employers business which is contained in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual published by the Federal Off ice of Management and Budget.

CARRIER: The licensed business entity issuing a contract of insurance and assuming financial responsibility on behalf of the employer of the claimant.

CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR: Enter the name of the carrier, third party administrator, state fund, or self-insured responsible for administering the claim.

AGENT NAME & CODE NUMBER: Enter the name of your insurance agent and his/her code number if known. This information can be found on your insurance policy.

OCCUPATION/JOB TITLE: This is the primary occupation of the claimant at the time of the accident or exposure.

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Indicate the employee's work status. The valid choices are:

Full-Time On Strike Unknown Volunteer
Part-Time Disabled Apprenticeship Full-Time Seasonal
Not Employed Retired Apprenticeship Part-Time Piece Worker

DATE DISABILITY BEGAN: The first day on which the claimant originally lost time from work due to the occupation injury or disease or as otherwise deigned by statute.

CONTACT NAME/PHONE NUMBER: Enter the name of the individual at the employers premises to be contacted for additional information.

TYPE OF INJURY/ILLNESS: Briefly describe the nature of the injury or illness, (eg. Lacerations to the forearm).

PART OF BODY AFFECTED: Indicate the part of body affected by the injury/illness, (eg. Right forearm, lower back).

DEPARTMENT OR LOCATION WHERE ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS EXPOSURE OCCURRED: (eg. Maintenance Department or Client's office at 452 Monroe St., Washington, DC 26210)

If the accident or illness exposure did not occur on the employer's premises, enter address or location. Be specific.

ALL EQUIPMENT, MATERIAL OR CHEMICALS EMPLOYEE WAS USING WHEN ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS EXPOSURE OCCURRED: (eg. Acetylene cutting torch, metal plate)

List all of the equipment, materials, and/or chemicals the employee was using, applying, handling or operating when the injury or illness occurred. Be specific, for example: decorators scaffolding, electric sander, paintbrush, and paint.

Enter "NA" for not applicable if no equipment, materials, or chemicals were being used. NOTE, The items listed do not have to be directly involved in the employee's injury or illness.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITY THE EMPLOYEE WAS ENGAGED IN WHEN THE ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS EXPOSURE OCCURRED: (eg. Cutting metal plate for flooring)

Describe the specific activity the employee was engaged in when the accident or illness exposure occurred, such as sanding ceiling woodwork in preparation for painting.

WORK PROCESS THE EMPLOYEE WAS ENGAGED IN WHEN ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS EXPOSURE OCCURRED: Describe the work process the employee was engaged in when the accident or illness exposure occurred, such as building maintenance. Enter "NA" for not applicable if employee was not engaged in a work process (eg. walking along a hallway).

HOW INJURY OR ILLNESS/ABNORMAL HEALTH CONDITION OCCURRED. DESCRIBE THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AND INCLUDE ANY OBJECTS OR SUBSTANCES THAT DIRECTLY INJURED THE EMPLOYEE OR MADE THE EMPLOYEE ILL: (Worker stepped back to inspect work and slipped on some scrap metal. As worker fell, worker brushed against the hot metal.)

Describe how the injury or illness/abnormal health condition occurred. Include the sequence of events and name any objects or substance that directly injured the employee or made the employee ill. For example: Worker stepped to the edge of the scaffolding to inspect work, lost balance and fell six feet to the floor. The worker's right wrist was broken in the fall.

DATE RETURN (ED) TO WORK: Enter the date following the most recent disability period on which the employee returned to work.

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Employees representative shall prepare a Form 20 and serve per R.67-211 a copy on the claimant within thirty days of beginning temporary compensation. See R.67-1603 when no temporary compensation is paid. NOTE: Average weekly wage represents average gross pay before taxes and other deductions. WHEN THE CLAIMANT DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE COMPENSATION RATE ONLINE 8, HE OR SHE SHOULD CONTACT THE EMPLOYER'S REPRESENTATIVE TO TRY TO REACH AN AGREEMENT AS TO THE COMPENSATION RATE. IF NO AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED THE CLAIMANT SHOULD CONTACT THE CLAIMS DEPARTMENT AT (803)737-5723.

which the injury occurred, enter the maximum compensation rate for the year in which the injury occurred on line-8.

☐ Employee is within the exceptions listed in S.C. Code Ann. Section 42-7-65. List applicable

☐ The calculated compensation rate (line 7) applies. Enter amount from line 7 on line 8.

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WEEKLY COMPENSATION RATE: 8. _

NOTICE

Post Accident Drug/Alcohol Policy

Builders Mutual Insurance Company implemented a post accident drug/alcohol testing policy. As a policyholder of Builders Mutual, you are required to comply with this policy. Implementation of a drug and alcohol testing program can help protect your financial interest, your employees and your job sites.

BMIC's Drug/Alcohol Testing Policy will first and foremost prevent individuals with a drug or alcohol dependency from abusing the workers' compensation system and using your dollars to sustain an illegal habit. Individuals with drug and alcohol dependency also pose a threat to fellow employees, supervisors, and the general public as their actions can cause harm to those around them. Lastly, substance abuse can lead to criminal conduct to finance the habit.

A drug and alcohol test will be required after each work-related injury. The test will be performed at the time medical treatment is first administered and the cost of the test will be covered by Builders Mutual as a reasonable claims expense. If the treating medical facility refuses to administer a drug and alcohol test, contact the Claims department at 1-800-809-4862 while the injured is still at the facility. This will enable the Claims department to contact the provider to make arrangements to have a drug and alcohol test administered.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact the Claims department at 1-800-809-4861.

BMIC Drug Testing Acknowledgment

I have read and understand the Policy of Builders Mutual Insurance Company that all employees of policyholders shall be tested for drugs or alcohol if the employee is involved in an alleged work-related accident which might give rise to the filing of a workers' compensation claim. I am an employee of a policyholder and I consent and agree to be tested for the use of alcohol, drugs, or illegal, non-prescribed controlled substances in the event of an alleged work-related accident. I understand that if I do not agree to be tested or submit to any procedure to detect the use of alcohol, drugs, or illegal, non-prescribed substances this will be deemed an admission of impairment by such substances and I understand that when applicable by state law, my workers' compensation claim may be denied or benefits reduced. I understand that if the results of the test are positive for drugs or alcohol, my claim for workers' compensation benefits may be denied.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of this Policy conce	rning drug and alcohol testing.
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AVISO Reglamento de Examen de Drogas y Alcohol

Builders Mutual, su compañía de seguros, implementó una regla que requiere que todos los empleados lesionados en el trabajo se hagan un examen de drogas y alcohol. Como un asegurado por Builders Mutual, usted está obligado a cumplir con esta reglamentación. El programa de examen de drogas y alcohol puede proteger sus interéses financieros, sus empleados, y su lugar de trabajo.

Nuestra política de examen de drogas y alcohol evitará el abuso del sistema de compensación laboral por parte de empleados con dependencia a drogas o alcohol. Las personas con dependencia a drogas y alcohol también pueden perjudicar el bienestar de otros empleados, supervisores, y del público general, además de que sus acciones pueden causar daño a todos los que le rodean. El abuso de sustancias ilegales puede resultar en actos criminales con el propósito de mantener una adicción.

Builders Mutual exijirá un examen de drogas y alcohol después de cada accidente que ocurra en el trabajo. Este examen debe ser hecho en la primera consulta médica sin ningún costo para el empleado. Builders Mutual pagará por el examen.

Si por alguna razon la clínica se niega a hacer el examen, contacte nuestro departamento de reclamos mientras que su empleado todavia está en la facilidad médica. Nosotros tendrémos la oportunidad de contactar la clínica directamente y hacer arreglos para que se haga el examen.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de esta reglamentación, por favor contactenos al departamento de reclamos al 1-800-809-4861.

Builders Mutual Insurance Company Reconocimiento del examen de drogas y alcohol

He leído la política del examen de drogas y alcohol de la compañía de seguros Builders Mutual. Entiendo que todas las personas aseguradas se le harán examenes de drogas y alcohol si tienen un accidente en el trabajo y que potencialmente resultaría en un reclamo bajo la póliza de compensación laboral. Soy un empleado bajo esta póliza y doy consentimiento/autorización para que me hagan pruebas de drogas y alcohol en caso de un reclamo de accidente bajo esta póliza. Entiendo que si me niego a tomar el examen para detectar estas sustancias, automaticamente, estaría admitiendo que he consumido drogas o alcohol. De acuerdo con la ley de este estado, esto podría resultar en el rechazo o la reducción de los beneficios del reclamo. También, entiendo que si los resultados de estas pruebas son positivos, el reclamo podría ser anulado.

Confirmo que he recibido esta información acerca del reglamento de examenes de drogas y alcohol.

En este dia ______ de ______del 20____.

Firma del empleado

Nombre de empleado

Firma del asegurado