

Injury Management and Return to Work Policy

Policy brief & purpose

Elite Project Solutions (EPS) is committed to the return to work of injured employees.

As part of this commitment, we will:

- prevent injury and illness by providing a safe and healthy working environment;
- participate in the development of an injury management plan and ensure that injury management commences as soon as possible after an employee is injured;
- support the injured employee and ensure that early return to work is a normal expectation;
- provide suitable duties for an injured employee as soon as possible;
- ensure that our injured employees (and anyone representing them) are aware of their rights and responsibilities – including the right to choose their own doctor and rehabilitation provider, and the responsibility to provide accurate information about the injury and its cause);
- consult with our employees and, where applicable, unions to ensure that the return-to-work program operates as smoothly as possible;
- maintain the confidentiality of injured employee's records.

To support the above, EPS has established the following procedures:

NOTIFICATION OF INJURIES:

- All injuries must be notified to the supervisor immediately.
- All injuries will be recorded in the Register of Injuries.
- Our Workers Compensation Scheme Agent will be notified of any injuries that may require compensation within 48 hours.

RECOVERY:

- All injured employees will receive appropriate first aid or medical treatment as soon as possible.
- The injured employee must nominate a treating doctor who will be responsible for the medical management of the injury and assist in planning return to work.

RETURN TO WORK:

- A suitable person will be arranged to explain the return to work process to the injured employee.
- The injured employee will be offered the assistance of a WorkCover-accredited rehabilitation provider if it becomes evident that they are not likely to resume their pre-injury duties, or cannot do so without changes to the workplace or work practices.

SUITABLE DUTIES:

- An individual return to work plan will be developed when the injured employee, according to medical advice, is capable of returning to work.
- The injured employee will be provided with suitable duties that are consistent with medical advice and are meaningful, productive and appropriate to the injured employee's physical and psychological condition.
- Depending on the individual circumstances of the injured employee, suitable duties may be at the same workplace or a different workplace, the same job with different hours or modified duties, a different job and may involve full-time or part-time hours.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

- If disagreements about the return to work program or suitable duties arise, the organisation will work with the injured employee and any union representing them to try to resolve the issue.
- If all parties are unable to resolve the dispute, the organization will seek to involve the Scheme Agent, an accredited rehabilitation provider, the treating doctor or an injury management consultant.

APPROVED:

This Policy will be reviewed every 12 months to ensure its appropriateness, accuracy and value.



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