



## AF16 – INJURY MANAGEMENT AND REHABILITATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

*PROCEDURE: N/A*

*DELEGATION: N/A*

### POLICY

It is a policy of the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley:

- a) To make provision for the injury management and rehabilitation of all workers who have sustained a compensable work related illness, injury or disability.
- b) To treat all workers with dignity and respect.
- c) To guarantee that all information is treated with sensitivity and confidentiality.
- d) To return the injured worker to the fullest capacity for gainful employment of which they are capable.

With this in mind, the 'Key Principles of Injury Management', as identified by WorkCover, will be adopted. They are:

1. Recognition that employers and injured workers are the primary stakeholders within the workers' compensation system.
2. Maintenance in or a safe return to work is the expected outcome.
3. Medical practitioners and employers play a central decision making role in the return to work of injured workers.
4. The focus of all services should be workplace based.
5. The injury management process should be transparent, cost efficient and effective.
6. Early intervention and pro-active injury management is critical in achieving return to work goals.
7. When vocational rehabilitation is required, all parties are involved in a process that is transparent and requires joint decision making.

To assist in the timely and effective injury management of employees, the employer has appointed an employee to the role of workplace injury management coordinator as part of their duties, to implement and monitor the injury management and rehabilitation procedures. This appointment is in the knowledge the Municipal WorkCare Scheme employs a dedicated injury management professional to assist and guide this individual. Further to this, the Scheme's claims team leader, appointed to the employer, is available to discuss any issues related to the management of the worker's claim.



<b>Relevant Legislation:</b>	
<b>Related Documents:</b>	
<b>Related Local Law:</b>	
<b>Related Policies:</b>	
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