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The Claims Process

What makes up the Claims Process:

- Pre-Departure Checks
- Accident site
- Post Accident
- Insurer process
- Sums Insured
- Excess
- Demurrage

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Pre-Departure Check

- · Pre-departure accident damage checklist
- · Identify unknown damage
- Investigate & Manage

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Accident Site

What to do at the accident site:

- Safety Considerations
- Company Procedures
- · Claim Information Gathering

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Accident Site Safety & Company Procedures

- Ensure all passengers are safe
- Ensure the Third Party is safe
- Call an Ambulance if there are any injuries
- · Call Police if serious incident, like:
 - Towing required
 - Hit and Run
 - Alcohol or Drugs Suspected
- Contact Company for Directions

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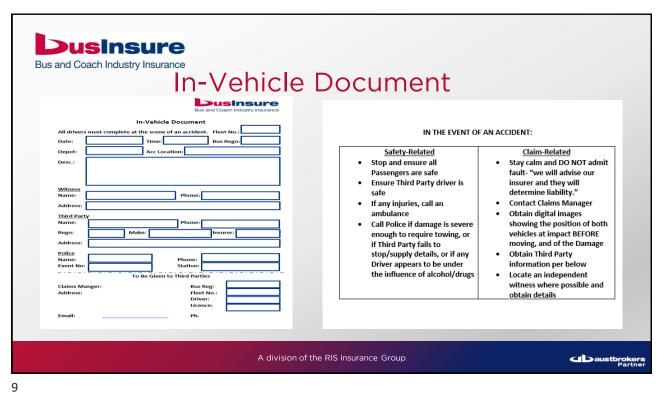
Information Gathering at Accident Site

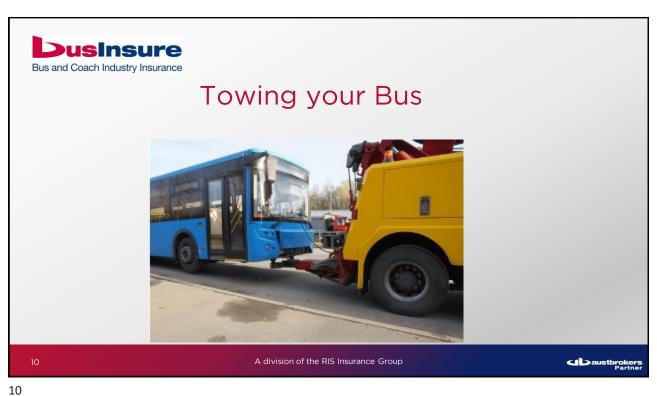
- DO NOT ADMIT LIABILITY OR FAULT
- · Obtain Third Party Details:
 - Name and address of Driver (and Owner of Vehicle if different)
 - License Number for Driver
 - Phone Number and Email Address
 - Rego Number and description of vehicle
 - Their Insurance details if available
- Take photos of accident scene (before vehicle are moved)
- Take photos of damage to bus and Third-Party Vehicle
- · Note time and location of accident
- · Collect witness contact details
- Obtain Police Event Number

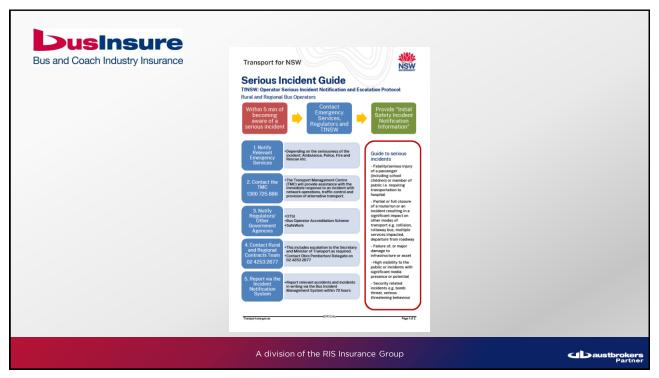
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Critical Incident Management

BusNSW Critical Incident reporting requirements/Contacts:

Office of Transport Safety Investigations (OTSI) Bus operators must report significant safety occurrences to the OTSI Duty Officer immediately on 1800 677 766.

After the notification of a safety occurrence to the Duty Officer, OTSI may ask the bus operator to complete an investigation into the matter.

To assist with the completion of this investigation a <u>72 Hour Bus Incident Investigation</u> Report Form or a <u>Bus Fire/Thermal Incident Information Collection Form</u> may be requested.

The completed forms can be submitted to OTSI by: Email: transport.safety@otsi.nsw.gov.au

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BusNSW Critical Incident Contacts

SafeWork NSW

If there is a serious injury or illness, a death or a dangerous incident, you must report it to SafeWork NSW immediately on 13 10 50 as an urgent investigation may be needed.

Transport for NSW (Contracted Operators Only)

Rural and regional and outer metropolitan bus operators holding a TfNSW Contract should:

Call the Transport Management Centre on 1300 725 886

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BusNSW Critical Incident Management Specialists

- · Legal Representation
- · Public Relations and Media Advice
- Staff Critical Incident Trauma Counselling
- Workplace Incident Management and Communications
- · Transport for NSW Media
- NSW Police Media Unit

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Post Accident

There are several items to take care of after the incident:

- Driver to FULLY completed Claim Form
- Manager to debrief Driver and check Claim Form is accurate and clear
- Arrange for download of the CCTV footage
- Obtain repair quotes
- Take supporting photos of Damage if required
- Compile any supporting documentation

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BusInsure Claims Process

How to Lodge your Claim:

- Compile Claim Documents:
 - Claim Form
 - Repair Quote (if available)
 - Photos
 - Any Additional Information
- Email to <u>claims@businsure.com.au</u>
- Minimum Required Information
 - The Date and Address of Incident
 - Insured vehicle details, registration number etc
 - Third party details including full name, address, phone number
 - Third Party Vehicle details

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BusInsure Claims Process cont.

Once documentation received:

- Within 24 hours you will receive an Acknowledgement of the claim
- BusInsure Partner with QRM Claims management, who will review the claim and lodge with the insurer
- QRM/BusInsure will review:
 - policy wordings
 - claim payments
 - · applied excess amounts including excess waivers
 - · excluded items and Benefits
 - Liability (and query any insurer decisions on Liability)
- QRM will provide Insurer claim acknowledgement and request additional information as required

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BusInsure Claims Process cont.

- Pending the quantum of the claim, an Assessor will be appointed to assess, review and in some cases authorise repairs
- QRM will ensure the insurer manages Third Party contact and demands
- QRM/BusInsure will keep you updated throughout the claims process and advise of any decisions or payments
- QRM/BusInsure will thoroughly review all correspondence from the insurers to ensure that the best outcome is reached on each claim
- Our team will make you aware of any decisions made by the insurers throughout the process
- Any issues with the repairs can be escalated via QRM/ Businsure, our team will escalate this with the insurer if the repairer is not responsive.

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Excesses

What Excesses are Payable and When:

- Basic Excess
- Age and/or Inexperience Driver Excess
- No Fault Excess

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Claim Types

Motor Vehicle Accident

- Insured Driver At Fault
- Third Party At Fault
- Unknown Damage
- Each Bear Own
- CTP Claims
- Under Excess Claims

Windscreen Damage

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Demurrage

What is "demurrage":

Loss of income or additional costs due to inability to use your vehicle following an Accident

- Demurrage is an uninsured loss not covered by insurance
- Loss of income is hard to prove
- Vehicle Hire actual cost is easier to claim as demurrage

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Hire Vehicle / Demurrage

- Hire Vehicle benefits are available under most fleet insurances
- Limitations apply which include:
 - Maximum days available
 - Maximum amount any one day
- At Fault Claims not further remedy for loss
- Not at Fault Claims (Third Party is insured) Demurrage is possible for hire costs over the policy limits
 - Only for hire of like and similar vehicle (and you don't spare vehicle)
 - Invoices for hire required
 - · Recovery is not guaranteed
- Contact QRM/ Businsure for help with Demurrage claims

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Sums Insured (total loss)

- Total Loss basis of settlement is Sum Insured or Market Value, whichever the lesser.
- Market value is the price an asset would sell for in the current market.
- Sum Insured should be aligned with the Market Value and should include all accessories (some insurers require them to be noted), excluding on road coast and GST

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Tips to Determine the market value

Locate advertised examples of your Bus using:

- · The make, model, and year of the vehicle
- · The condition of the vehicle prior to the accident
- The kilometres of the vehicle
- · Any modifications or upgrades made to the vehicle
- The local market for similar vehicles
- Contact your local dealership for an estimate

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Important Information

- Do not admit liability
- Use an In-Vehicle document as a guide at the accident site
- Don't hesitate to speak to your broker regarding policy exclusions, extensions and conditions.
- Complete and submit your claim form as soon as possible (you can supply your repair quote once received)
- If you have any questions about your claim or repair, or need advice on a claim or incident, please contact BusInsure

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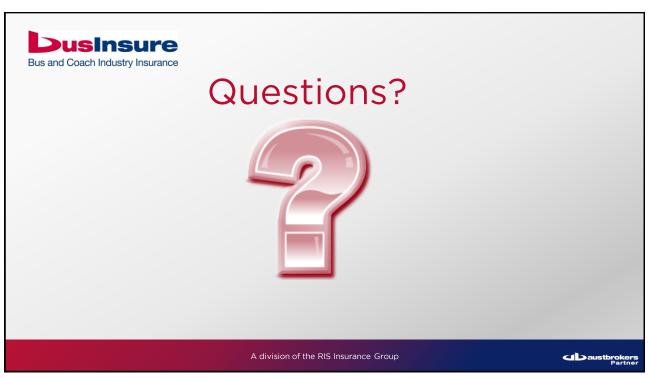


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Bus and Coach Industry Insurance

Who Needs a Policy? (Pty Ltd vs Partnership/Sole Trader)

Pty Ltd Company

Workers Compensation cover is required when:

- ✓ Yearly remuneration (wages) exceeds \$7,500.
 - Inclusive of remuneration of both working Directors and direct employees i.e. 'deemed workers'
- ✓ Contractors may also be classed as 'deemed workers'
- ✓ Directors are covered under their WC policy

Partnerships and Sole Traders

Workers Compensation cover is required when:

- ✓ Yearly remuneration (wages) exceeds \$7,500.
 - Inclusive of remuneration paid to only direct employees/deemed workers
- ✓ Contractors may also be classed as 'deemed workers'
- ✓ Sole Traders or Partners are not covered by a WC policy

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Who Is Covered?

Contractors VS Deemed Workers

Contractors

- oA contractor may be covered if they fit into the definition of a "deemed worker"
- oWorkers Compensation legislation does not rely on the tax status or ABN of a person to determine this
- oA contractor that would not be covered is more likely to be paid on the basis of a quote, supply their own tools and materials, carry on an independent business in their own name.

Deemed Workers

- oAll covered under a Workers Compensation policy
- oA deemed worker would be directed by the employer regarding work to be performed and the time and manner in which it is performed
- oBe paid on a time basis and work exclusively for a single employer

Apprentices

- oEmployers engaging apprenticeships must have a Workers Compensation policy.
- oApprentices' wages are not included when calculating an employer's Workers Compensation premium.
- oTo be eligible for the apprentice premium exemption, they have to enter into an NSW Department of Education approved 'Training Contract'.

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Partnerships & Sole Traders

Are Partnerships and Sole Traders covered by Workers Compensation?

- Sole traders / proprietors, or members of a partnership are not considered as workers. Hence, they cannot take out workers insurance to cover themselves for injuries.
- For sole traders and partnerships, a suitable alternative may be a personal accident and illness policy, or an income protection insurance policy. However, it's not a legal requirement to take out one of these policies.
- If you're not an exempt employer you will still need to take out a workers insurance policy to cover any workers you might have.

When do Partnerships and Sole Traders need cover?

Workers Compensation cover is required for Partnerships and Sole Traders when:

- Yearly remuneration (wages) exceeds \$7,500.
 - Inclusive of remuneration paid to only direct employees/deemed workers
- · Contractors may also be classed as 'deemed workers'

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Partnerships & Sole Traders

What happens when if a Partnership or Sole trader have a claim with no policy due to paying below \$7,500 of wages?

As an employer, you're not required to get an insurance policy if:

- you pay \$7,500 or less in annual wages
- · you don't employ an apprentice or trainee
- · you're not a member of a group for premium purposes.

Any claim against an exempt employer incurs a \$175 administration fee. The claim will be assigned to EML. The same administration fee applies to each injury notified.

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NSW Claims Overview

iCare and Claim Agents

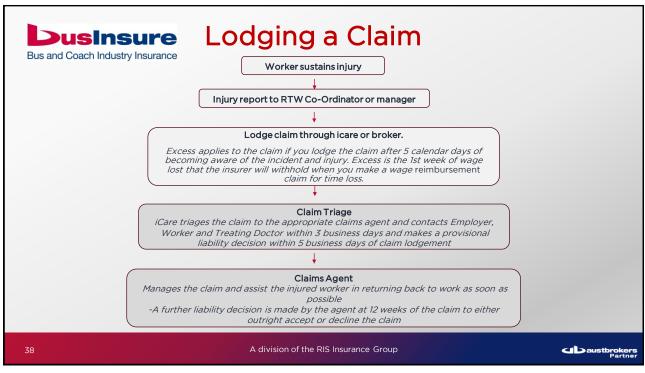
- Who is iCare:
 - o iCare is a NSW Government agency that provides insurance to statutory authorities and people with injuries under the Workers Compensation Scheme.
 - o Workers Compensation Nominal Insurer regulated by State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA)
 - Underwrites NSW Premiums
 - Issues out Certificates of Currency
- Claim Agents:
 - o Employers Mutual Limited (EML) Default provider
 - Allianz, GIO, QBE, DXC and Gallagher Bassett- Providers for larger employers (\$200k Base Premium and above)
- Tender:
 - o Icare officially announced the additional new Claims Agents who were successful in the tender
 - DXC and Gallagher Bassett new agent with specialised capabilities and expertise to manage psychological claims

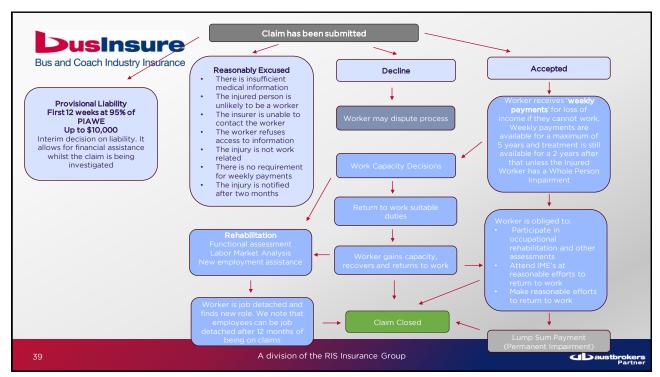
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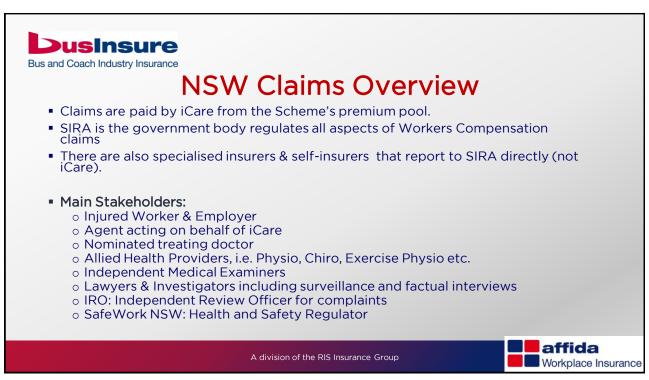
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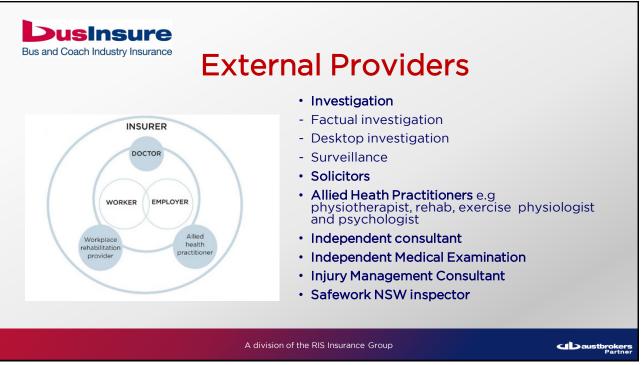
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ius a	and Coach Industry	Role	Function
	iCare	Insurer/ Underwriter	- Nominal Insurer and Manager of NSW Workers Compensation Premium and Underwriting
	EML	Claims Agent	- Default Claims Service Provider from 1st January 2018.
	GIO, QBE	Claims Agent	 Authorised Provider- (AP Model) for Eligible Employers with a base premium > \$200k Claims pre- 1st January 2018 from QBE and CGU also managed by GIO
	Allianz, QBE, DXC and GB	Claims Agent	 - Authorised Provider- (AP Model) for Eligible Employers with a base premium > \$200k - Specialised capabilities to manage psychological claims
	SIRA	Regulator	- Regulate Workers Compensation Legislation including benefits, fees, liability, compliance as well as CTP and Builders Warranty.
	SafeWork NSW	WHS Regulator	 Provide licences and registration for potentially dangerous work. Investigate workplace incidents and enforce work health and safety laws in NSW.
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NSW Claims Process

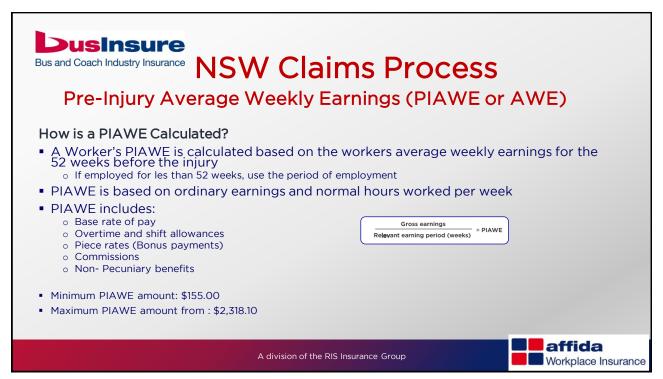
Glossary of terms and abbreviations

- Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)
- Certificate of Capacity (CoC)
- Independent Medical Examination (IME)
- Independent Medical Consultation (IMC)
- Injury management plan (IMP)
- Independent Physiotherapy Consultation (IPC)
- Maximum medical improvement (MMI)
- · Nominated treating doctor (NTD)

- Pre-injury average weekly earnings (PIAWE)
- Return to work (RTW)
- State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA)
- Injury management plan (IMP)
- Whole Person Impairment (WPI)
- Wage Reimbursement Schedule (WRS)

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NSW Claims Process

Pre-Injury Average Weekly Earnings (PIAWE or AWE)

In October 2019 the NSW Government announced changes to the way PIAWE is calculated.

- Relevant earning period is the 52 weeks immediately before the date of injury
- Shift /overtime allowances remain included after 52 weeks of payments (effective 26 October 2019, applies to workers injured on or after this date)
- Adjustments of the relevant earning period e.g. to exclude periods of unpaid leave, align with employer's pay cycle etc.
- New PIAWE agreement form for employers and workers.
- If the worker and employer reach an agreement about PIAWE, they can apply to the agent for approval of the agreement within five calendar days of initial notification of injury

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NSW Claims Process

PIAWE- Wage Entitlements

1-13 Week	14-130 Weeks	131-230 Weeks	260 + Weeks
95% of Average Weekly Earnings (AWE)	80% AWE 95% AWE if working 15 hours	Only if no current work capacity or working > 15 hours per week. 80% AWE	Only if > 20% WPI 80% AWE
Section 36- First Entitlement Period	Section 37- Second Entitlement Period	Section 38- Following second entitlement period	Section 39 Cessation of weekly payments after 5 years

- A Worker is entitled to take Annual Leave whilst in receipt of weekly benefits. Essentially 'double dipping'
- Sick leave cannot be taken whilst in receipt of weekly benefits. (Unless the worker has capacity
 and suitable duties are not available.

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Definition of "Injury"

- Workers Compensation legislation defines an injury as:
 - o A personal injury arising out of or in the course of employment
- Includes a disease injury which means:
 - A disease that is contracted by a worker in the course of employment but only if the employment was the main contributing factor to contacting the disease, and
 - The aggravation, acceleration, exacerbation or deterioration of any disease, but only if the employment was the main contributing factor to contacting to the aggravation, acceleration, exacerbation or deterioration.

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NSW Claims Process

Disputing/Managing Difficult Claims

Any concerns regarding the legitimacy of a claim should be reported to the Broker/Insurer/Agent as soon as possible so that the matter can potentially be investigated.

Liability concerns are not limited to the initial stages of a claim and can arise throughout the life of a claim.

Such concerns could include:

- · Inconsistencies in incident reporting
- Injury may have resolved
- · Injury is not work-related
- · Working elsewhere
- · Demonstrating a higher functional capacity in other aspects of life (sport, renovating etc)
- · Agent is not being proactive

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NSW Claims Process

Disputing/Managing Difficult Claims:

How We Assist With This Process:

- Raise concerns immediately and provide supporting evidence when available.
- Request:
 - Independent Medical Examination (IME)
 - Injury Management Consultation (IMC)
 - Factual Investigation
 - Surveillance
 - · Answers to specific questions
 - A legal opinion
 - · Detailed summaries of all reports
- Keep Insurer/Agent honest
- Demand transparency

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Psychological Injuries

There are three types of claims for psychological injuries that arise out of or in the course of employment.

- 1. Injury arising from a traumatic event/incident.
 - Armed Robbery
 - · Motor Vehicle Accident
 - · Witness to a traumatic event/incident
- 2. Secondary injury to a physical injury (same claim -not a new claim)
 - Depression due to inability to perform day to day activities
- 3. Bullying & Harassment, Workplace Conflicts, Performance Management

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Psychological Injuries

- A psychological injury is not compensable if the injury is not a diagnosable "medical condition" e.g. Adjustment Disorder, Depression, Anxiety Disorders etc.
- "Stress" is not psychological diagnosis and is not compensable
- An Independent Medical Examination should be conducted to ensure that the injury is compensable.
- Section 11A: No compensation is payable for a psychological injury if the injury was wholly or predominantly caused by reasonable action taken in a reasonable manner by the employer in respect to:
 - o Transfer
 - o Promotion/ Performance Appraisal
 - Dismissal/Retrenchment
 - o Demotion/Discipline
 - Provisions of employment benefits
- Risk Factors to workplace stress include but are not limited to:
 - o High work demands
 - o Poor support/poorly managed change
 - o Lack of role clarity
 - o Poorly managed relationships
 - o Low levels of recognition and reward
 - o Poor performance

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Psychological Injuries

Tools to minimise the risk of a successful workers compensation claim due to a psychological injury include:

- Follow Policies and Procedures
- Have witnesses and offer opportunity for employee to have a support person
- Be aware of how your actions and mannerisms could be perceived
- Document discussions/actions
- Provide adequate training and support
- Provide adequate training and support to your managers

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Psychological Injuries

Prudent initial actions on this type of claim:

 Complete internal records and provide them to the insurer

Organise factual investigation and request statements from other parties involved

- Organise workplace mediation if possible and applicable
- Organise Independent Medical Examination (IME)

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