



Return to Work Policy

Doveton Baptist Church is committed to assisting workers to achieve a safe Return to Work after injury or illness in a manner that will assist their best possible recovery.

Remaining at work or an early Return to Work is the normal expectation of the workplace.

Planning for a Return to Work will commence as soon as possible after an injury is reported, taking into account relevant medical opinions about treatment, rehabilitation and capacity of the worker.

An individual Return to Work plan will be established for any employee unable to work for 20 consecutive working days or more. The RTW plan will be developed at the earliest opportunity, in consultation with our injured worker and their treating health professionals.

Treatment, rehabilitation and return to work activities will commence as soon as they are deemed necessary.

Suitable employment, including modified or alternative duties consistent with medical advice, will be made available to all injured employees at the earliest opportunity.

The development of individual RTW plans will also involve communication and consultation with other workers affected by changed employment arrangements.

Confidentiality of employee information will be maintained for all information obtained during the Return to Work process or during rehabilitation.

Participation in a Return to Work plan will not, of itself, prejudice any injured employee.

A member of the Leadership Team will be appointed to manage the Return to Work plans. Specific responsibilities will include:

- Contacting the injured employee and their treating practitioner to undertake the commitments outlined in this Policy.
- Determine the need for any rehabilitation assistance in consultation with the employee and their treating practitioner; initiate contact with the nominated rehabilitation provider in order to complete planning

A template for a RTW plan is set out in Form 002. It includes sections as follows:

A summary of the injury and current status

- Rehabilitation goals
- An offer of suitable employment
- Steps to facilitate RTW
- Signed agreement by all parties

Approved:

Name / role:

Date:/...../.....