

Work-Related Emergency Examples

Acceptable Claim

There is a cave in at a mine. Members of the mine rescue team are informed by the employer or media, while outside their normal hours of work and while away from the worksite, of the cave in. The information they receive indicates there are miners trapped in the mine. Members of the mine rescue team are expected to drop what they are doing and respond to the work-related emergency. One of the members of the mine rescue team is injured while travelling to the site of the emergency. In this situation, the injury would be compensable.

Non-Acceptable Claim

A storm damages a worksite. There is no indication employees or members of the public are at risk. The worker hears of the damage while away from the worksite. Outside the worker's normal hours of work, the worker proceeds to the worksite to view the damage. The worker has no immediate role in the assessment or repair of the damage. The worker is injured while travelling to the worksite. In this situation, the injury would not be compensable.