

## WorkSafe Victoria



Figures from the Victorian WorkCover Authority indicate that there are just over 200 traumatic amputations resulting from workplace accidents each year in Victoria. However, 97% of these are finger or thumb amputations, with only 1.5% (or 1 to 2 per year) being 'major' amputations. Statistically, the most dangerous occupations are in the food manufacturing, construction and the timber industries. 90% of claimants are male, reflecting the workforce of these industries.

WorkCover is bound by the *Accident Compensation Act, 1985* to provide the reasonable costs of medical and like services to people who have workplace accidents. This means that services such as physio, prosthetics, wheelchairs, etc. are generally be funded by WorkCover once a claim is accepted. WorkCover also pays benefits in place of lost wages. The amount paid depends on the length of the claim and the extent of incapacity. They will also pay a lump sum 'impairment benefit' for people who suffer a permanent loss of function. Details are available from their website.

[www.workcover.vic.gov.au](http://www.workcover.vic.gov.au)

PHONE: 1800 136 089

### **Other state sites:**

WorkCover ACT

WEB: [www.workcover.act.gov.au](http://www.workcover.act.gov.au)

PHONE: (02) 6205 0200

WorkCover SA

WEB: [www.workcover.com](http://www.workcover.com)

PHONE: 13 18 55

WorkCover QL

WEB: [www.workcover.qld.gov.au](http://www.workcover.qld.gov.au)

PHONE: 1300 362 128

WorkCover NSW

WEB: [www.workcover.nsw.gov.au](http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au) PHONE: 13 10 50

WorkCover WA

WEB: [www.workcover.wa.gov.au](http://www.workcover.wa.gov.au) PHONE: 1300 794 744

WorkCover TAS

WEB: [www.workcover.tas.gov.au](http://www.workcover.tas.gov.au) PHONE: 1300 366 322

NT Worksafe

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