



Policy 17: Return to Work

Purpose:

Yellowknife Education District No. 1 (YK1) is committed to preventing workplace injuries and illnesses. In the event an employee is injured or ill due to a workplace incident, YK1 is committed to ensuring their successful transition back to work through a Return-to-Work (RTW) program.

If employees are unable to perform their regular full duties as a result of an illness or injury, we:

- take all reasonable steps to return the employee to their pre-injury/illness position in a timely manner; and
- return the employee to suitable work which is safe and consistent with their functional abilities, if they are unable to return to their pre-injury/illness position.

Employee and employer RTW roles and responsibilities are as follows:

Employees will:

- contact employer as soon as possible after the injury or illness occurs, and maintain communication;
- assist with identifying suitable and available employment;
- accept suitable employment when identified;
- provide updates on medical status and progress throughout recovery period;
- inform healthcare provider of available suitable work when identified; and
- provide any appropriate information requested to the employer and the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission during the return to work process.

The employer will:

- contact employee as soon as possible after the injury or illness occurs, and maintain communication;
- provide suitable and available employment;
- stay in touch with employee throughout the recovery period; and
- provide the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission with any appropriate information requested concerning the employee's return to work.

YK1 will develop individualized RTW plans for injured/ill employees which include processes for RTW recovery and ensure regular communication between employees and the employer. Communication can be in the form of in-person meetings, via telephone conversations, by emails, or written correspondence.

YK1 is committed to ensuring the success of their safe RTW program.

[Return to Work Program – YK1](#)

References/Related Documents:

- Education Act
- Administrative Procedures



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Revision History			
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1	Adopted	February 2012	2022-2026 Board
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