



Example of Suitable Duties Plan – Back Injury

Injured worker details		
Worker	Worker Arnold	
Claim number	S19AB111222	
Phone		
Supervisor	Supervisor Terry	
Phone		
Treating medical practitioner		
Dr Tom Frankie		
Phone	121212	

Plan details				
Goal – long term: To return to pre-injury duties, full hours – 38 hours/week				
Plan completed by (choose): Provider – OT at Kinnect				
Objective of this plan: RTW at same employer, modified duties, progressing hours to re-build strength & initiate work hardening				
Duration of this plan				
From:	06/05/2019	To:	11/06/2019	
Fit for suitable duties (restricted return to work)				
From:	11/02/2019	To:	11/06/2019	
Job description: Trades Assistant / Labourer				

Task details		
Week	Duties	Restrictions
Week 1 – commencing: Monday, 06/05/19 Days:3 days - Tues/Wed/Thur Hours: 4 hours To arrive on work site 10 mins prior to start time.	 Answering phone in workshop Data entry of job cards – minimise sitting time to 20-30 mins. Run errands for different departments when required. Delivery of parts or documents to construction sites close by. Spotting job task for safety & compliance. Recommendations for all duties in this plan: Maintain neutral spine postures, bend knees to lift. Avoid twisting by keeping nose over toes Avoid over-reaching by moving closer to tasks & ensure elbows are close to body, especially when working at waist height benches. Utilise kneeling position when working below waist height. Ensure 3-point contact when using stairs. Use mechanical aids wherever possible. 	 No lifting above 5kg bilaterally (with both arms) independently. No operating Bobcat No use of 9-inch grinder No sweeping, vacuuming, shovelling or hosing No sustaining postures/positions or performing repetitive tasks for more than 20 mins without microbreak. Request assistance from colleagues when required to manually lift full length steel or heavier objects >5kg. Ensure microbreaks of 15-30 secs to stretch, rest, alternate position.

Week 2 – commencing:
Monday 13/05/19
Days: 4 - Mon, Tue,
Wed, ThurAs above in Week 1 duties plus the following:
(with both arms) independently.
No operating Bobcat



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Hours: 4 hours To arrive on work site 10 mins prior to start time.

Stocktake project activities when time allows (combination of computer/desk work & counting/walking).

Recommendations for all duties in this plan:

- Maintain neutral spine postures, bend knees to
- Avoid twisting by keeping nose over toes
- Avoid over-reaching by moving closer to tasks & ensure elbows are close to body, especially when working at waist height benches.
- Utilise kneeling position when working below waist height.
- Ensure 3-point contact when using stairs.
- Use mechanical aids wherever possible.

- No use of 9-inch grinder
- No sweeping, vacuuming, shovelling or hosing
- No sustaining postures/positions or performing repetitive tasks for more than 20 mins without microbreak.
- Request assistance from colleagues when required to manually lift full length steel or heavier objects >10kg.
- Ensure microbreaks of 15-30 secs to stretch, rest, alternate position.

Week 3 - commencing: Monday 27/05/19 Days: 5 - Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

Hours: 6 hours

To arrive on work site 10

mins prior to start time.

As above in Week 1 and 2 plus the following:

- Assist mechanics within restrictions.
- Perform small maintenance & fabrication welding tasks within restrictions.

Recommendations for all duties in this plan:

- Maintain neutral spine postures, bend knees to
- Avoid twisting by keeping nose over toes
 - Avoid over-reaching by moving closer to tasks & ensure elbows are close to body, especially when working at waist height benches.
- Utilise kneeling position when working below waist height.
- Ensure 3-point contact when using stairs.
- Use mechanical aids wherever possible.

- No lifting above 10kg bilaterally (with both arms) independently.
- No operating Bobcat
- No use of 9-inch grinder
- No sweeping, vacuuming, shovelling or hosing
- No sustaining postures/positions or performing repetitive tasks for more than 20 mins without microbreak.
- Request assistance from colleagues when required to manually lift full length steel or heavier objects >10kg.
- Ensure microbreaks of 15-30 secs to stretch, rest, alternate position.

Week 4 – commencing: Monday 03/06/19 Days: 5 - Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

As above in Week 1, 2 and 3 with the addition of the following:

- Operate 5-inch grinder for short periods of time (max 10 mins).
- Operate steel cutter adhere to lifting restrictions
- Welding & Oxy cutting

Recommendations for all duties in this plan:

- Maintain neutral spine postures, bend knees to
- Avoid twisting by keeping nose over toes
- Avoid over-reaching by moving closer to tasks & ensure elbows are close to body, especially when working at waist height benches.
- Utilise kneeling position when working below waist height.
- Ensure 3-point contact when using stairs.
- Use mechanical aids wherever possible.

- No lifting above 15kg bilaterally (with both arms) independently.
- No operating Bobcat
- No use of 9-inch grinder
- No sweeping, vacuuming, shovelling or hosing
- No sustaining postures/positions or performing repetitive tasks for more than 20 mins without microbreak.
- Request assistance from colleagues when required to manually lift full length steel or heavier objects >15kg.
- Ensure microbreaks of 15-30 secs to stretch, rest, alternate position.

Hours: 8 hours To arrive on work site 10 mins prior to start time.



Suitable duties program For employers

Treatment occurring during this plan (e.g. physiotherapy):	Training required: Yes ⊠ No □		
Weekly Physiotherapy	If 'Yes', given by: Supervisor		
Plan to be reviewed on: 11/06/19	Training given on: 13.05.19		

Signatures		
Treating medical practitioner	Worker	
Dr Tom Frankie	Name: Worker Arnold	
I approve this plan.	I have been consulted about the content of this plan and agree to participate.	
Signature:	Signature:	
Date signed:	Date signed:	
Supervisor	Rehabilitation and return to work coordinator	
Name: Supervisor Terry	Name: You!	
I agree to ensure this plan is implemented in the work area.	I agree to monitor this plan.	
Signature:	Signature:	
Date signed:	Date signed:	