

Compensation for Death of a Worker

The *Workers Compensation and Injury Management Act 2023 (the WCIMA23)* provides a claim process and compensation entitlements for dependants where a worker has died as a result of a work-related injury.

Key Points

Act ref: Part 2 Division 10

- The *WCIMA23* sets out the amount of compensation payable to dependants and the claims process to be followed when a worker dies as a result of a workplace injury.
- Compensation includes a lump sum payment for specified dependants, a weekly dependant child allowance, along with funeral expenses.
- The *WCIMA23* confirms the status of unborn children of the worker at the time of the worker's death as dependants. The definition of 'child' and 'dependant' in the *WCIMA23* ensures a child of a worker conceived before but born after a worker's death is eligible to receive compensation if they would have been dependent on the worker at the time of birth had the death not occurred.
- Claims for a workplace fatality must be made in the approved form published on the WorkCover WA website as CF4 – *Workplace fatality compensation claim form*.

Questions & Answers

Q. Where can I find out more about making a claim as a dependant?

A. The [WorkCover WA website](https://www.workcover.wa.gov.au)¹ contains information and resources about the entitlements of dependants if a worker has died and how to make and resolve a claim.

¹ [workcover.wa.gov.au](https://www.workcover.wa.gov.au)