

 Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board	<b>Part:</b>	<b>Introduction</b>	
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## **APPLICATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' POLICIES**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Board of Directors' policies are public written documents that provide guidance to decision-makers in interpreting the *Workers' Compensation Act*, S.Y. 2008 (the "*Act*") and give authority for the expenditure of funds. The policies are binding on the Board of Directors, the Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal (Tribunal), decision-makers administering the *Act*, employers, workers and dependents of deceased workers.

### **PURPOSE**

This policy outlines how the policies established by the Board of Directors will be applied, in order to ensure consistency in decision-making and that the objectives of the *Act* are being met.

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

#### **Application of the Policies of the Board of Directors**

Policies of the Board of Directors provide direction and guidance to Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board (YWCHSB) staff for interpreting the *Act*, ensuring consistency in the application of the provision of the *Act*, and to ensure that the objectives of the *Act* are being met.

It is recognized that the policies of the Board of Directors cannot be tailored to meet every situation which may arise in applying the provisions of the *Act*, and therefore are not meant to fully replace the exercise of judgement by YWCHSB staff.

The exercise of good judgement is an essential component of decision making which must be carried out when the policies of the Board of Directors do not provide direction in a given situation, or when the situation is unique or was otherwise unanticipated when the policy was established.

In these circumstances, appropriate solutions based on sound reasoning that is consistent with the intent and purposes of the *Act* and policies of the Board of

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Directors are required, and further policy development will also be considered as appropriate.

### **Public Availability of the Policies of the Board of Directors**

All Board of Directors' policies are accessible on the YWCHSB's website.

Board of Directors' policies are also available in the public register of the YWCHSB, and copies will be provided at a reasonable cost.

### **APPLICATION**

This policy applies to all policies established by the YWCHSB, Board of Directors and to YWCHSB staff, appeal committees of the Tribunal, and all workers and employers covered by the *Act*.

### **ACT REFERENCES**

Sections 64 and 100

### **HISTORY**

PL-01, "Application of Board Policies", effective April 26, 2005, revoked July 1, 2008.

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