**Workers’ compensation stigma – Website/newsletter article**

**Taking action to reduce workers’ compensation stigma**

Safe Work Australia has launched a new awareness campaign to increase understanding of workers’ compensation stigma and what can be done to reduce it.

Workers’ compensation provides an important safety net to support people who become ill or injured because of work. It provides financial support and other assistance so workers can focus on getting back to work safely.

Workers’ compensation stigma occurs when there is discrimination against or stereotyping of a worker seeking workers’ compensation. It can prevent injured or ill workers from making a claim or impact their recovery.

Safe Work Australia has developed new practical resources to help employers, supervisors and workers to reduce workers’ compensation stigma. The resources include fact sheets, case studies, posters and infographics.

By understanding what workers’ compensation stigma is, where it can occur, and how to identify it, we can take action to reduce it.

To download the resources and find out more about supporting workers who are injured at work, go to: [**swa.gov.au/workerscompensationstigma**](http://swa.gov.au/workerscompensationstigma)