

The right transport after an industrial accident

After an accident at work, there are often uncertainties as to which means of transport should be used to transport the casualties for medical treatment. With our information sheet we want to help you to make the right decision in an emergency, so that the accident victims can be transported quickly and professionally to the doctor or hospital. The choice of the right means of transport depends above all on the type and severity of the injury. A distinction can be made between minor and serious injuries.

What to do in the case of minor injuries?

Slight injuries are for example

- small abrasions,
- small cuts,
- slight bruises or sprains of the arms or hands.

In the case of these injuries, accident victims can be brought to the treating doctor by first aiders

- on foot
- by private car
- by public transport
- or by taxi after first aid.

The choice of means of transport can depend on the type of injury and the distance to the treating doctor.

Must the injured person be accompanied?

Whether it is necessary to accompany the injured person, e.g. by colleagues, should depend on the type of injury and the condition of the injured person. In the case of minor injuries (e.g. minor cuts), the casualty can travel alone without any problems.

Who pays for the transport?

If the journey is made by private car or public transport, the costs can be submitted to UKBW stating the number of kilometres or by sending the ticket. For the transport by taxi the member companies of UKBW can fall back on the taxi voucher procedure of the Unfallkasse Baden-Württemberg (<http://www.ukbw.de> Information & Service Forms Taxi Driving Order Employees/Students).

What to do in case of serious injuries?

Serious injuries are

- arm or leg fractures
- severe bruises and sprains
- concussions of the brain
- lacerations and severe bleeding wounds

If one of these injuries is present, an emergency doctor or an ambulance should be consulted immediately. In this case, the injured person should be transported by a rescue or emergency ambulance. The paramedics or the emergency doctor will ensure that the injured person is accompanied by an expert.

If there is any uncertainty about the severity or nature of the injury, medical advice should be sought so that a decision can be made on the mode of transport.

Is there any insurance cover during the escort?

Accompanying persons (e.g. colleagues/supervisors) are covered during the outward and return journey for medical treatment. For the insurance cover it is irrelevant how the journey is made (on foot, by private car, by taxi, etc.).

How must the accident be reported?

If an accident with bodily injury occurs, this must be reported to the Baden-Württemberg accident insurance fund with an accident report. This is available at www.ukbw.de online.

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