



1.1.2 FATIGUE MANAGEMENT POLICY

Three Shires Limited acknowledges that the management of fatigue is crucial in ensuring effective health and safety in the workplace. Therefore, we will identify all safety critical working activities and manage fatigue in such circumstances to ensure compliance with legal duties as a minimum, taking account of The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, its statutory provisions and The Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006 (as amended),

All Three Shires Limited employees understand that the impact of fatigue can not be underestimated. We know that fatigue will increase risk substantially; especially where our employees may have to work extended hours or night shifts in safety critical environments.

We will therefore take the following steps to ensure that fatigue is managed effectively in circumstances where it may impact on any Three Shires Limited employee or our contractors.

- Consult with our employees and contractors regarding fatigue, ensuring that they are aware of fatigue and understand the associated risks.
- Ensure as appropriate, that working hours and patterns are fully considered in our risk assessments for safety critical activities, with reference to HSE guidance, including the HSE fatigue index.
- When planning contract work we will consult our employees and contractors with regard to shift patterns and working hours, taking account of each individual’s health and where appropriate their personal circumstances.
- Ensure that where the physical environment can increase stress, appropriate controls are introduced to manage this effectively, through proactive management and supervision.
- Ensure through robust record keeping that all working hours are recorded, including travel times, overtime, on call working hours and changes that may occur as example through shift swapping or moving between contracts.
- Review our working time records, proactively to identify the potential for fatigue to occur, ensuring in doing so, that we engage with our managers and supervisors to ensure individual factors are taken into account.
- Plan workload and working activities to allow for breaks and rest periods, both within the workplace and between shifts and working days. Allowing for rest breaks and ensuring that employees take such breaks, irrespective of their willingness to work longer hours.
- Ensure that where contracts require night work we discuss with our employees arrangements for rest, taking account of sleep disturbance and the potential for ‘sleep debt’, in particular where this work is intermittent or of an ‘on call’ nature.

All employees are encouraged to take responsibility for managing their own fatigue levels, especially where this may be influenced by factors outside the workplace. Employees are required to take all provided breaks at work and between work and ensure they advise Three Shires Limited of any health conditions that may increase fatigue levels.

This policy will be reviewed annually as part of our health and safety management arrangements.

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