

Common injuries



respiratory
issues
barotrauma

musculoskeletal/
muscular stress
decompression illness

Mechanisms of injury

30%

caused by variation in
pressure

16%

muscular stress

Occupational diving in Queensland Action Plan 2017-2019

Focus areas

Incidents

91 incidents occurred from 2010-2016

15 a year on average

7% of these were permanent impairments

52% were temporary impairments

Total of 1745 days off work, average of 20 days per incident, costing average of \$7000 in payments

Occupation



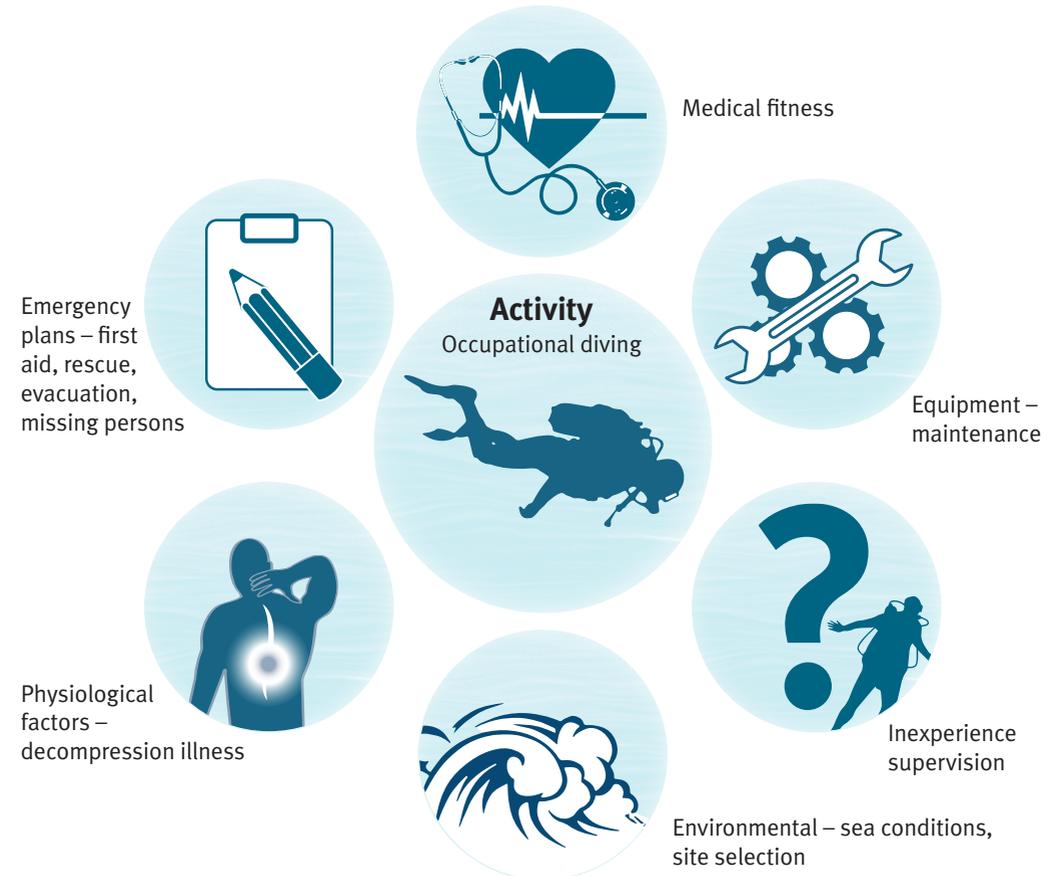
58% of incidents notified involved
dive instructors.



22% of incidents notified involved
commercial divers.

Source: Queensland Employer Injury Database Sept 2016

worksafe.qld.gov.au/diving-snorkelling



Occupational diving

Action Areas ¹	National strategic outcomes	What we will deliver in 2017-2019
Health and safety by design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work processes and systems of work are designed and managed to eliminate or minimise hazards and risks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an operational strategy to schedule inspectorate campaigns, improve internal resource efficiencies, and define how future goals will be achieved and evaluated. Continue to raise awareness of research findings that improve good work systems that eliminate or minimise occupational dive hazards and risks.
Supply chains and networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply chain network participants understand their cumulative impact and actively improve the health and safety of the supply chain. Industry leaders champion work health and safety in supply chains and networks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with training and licensing bodies to improve availability of training for occupational diving. Identify occupational dive industry groups to promote a safe operational culture within associated networks by increasing awareness of current legislative requirements and guidelines.
Health and safety capabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone in a workplace has the work health and safety capabilities they require. Those providing work health and safety education, training and advice have the appropriate capabilities. Inspectors and other staff of work health and safety regulators have the work health and safety capabilities to effectively perform their role. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop inspector's capabilities on technical components of occupational diving legislative provisions. Work with industry to develop a register of occupational dive operators, that permits immediate lines of communication and effective compliance monitoring.
Leadership and culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communities and their leaders drive improved work health and safety. Organisational leaders foster a culture of consultation and collaboration that actively improves work health and safety. Health and safety is given priority in all work processes and decisions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop organisational leader's skills by introducing the Small Business Program to improve skills in meeting legislative compliance and access to resources and information.
Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government exemplify good work health and safety. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate responses to community concerns regarding unsafe occupational dive practices with other government and industry agencies as required.
Responsive and effective regulatory framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislation, policies and regulatory practice are reviewed and monitored to ensure they are responsive and effective. Relationships between regulators and all who have a stake in work health and safety are effective, constructive, transparent and accountable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build relationships between departmental, whole of government and non-government stakeholders to meet the defined national strategic outcomes. Deliver training and mentoring programs to inspectors and advisors on legislative provisions and codes of practice for occupational diving.