

DEFINITION OF TERMS:

- **ACCIDENT:** An unexpected or unusual event, happening suddenly.
- **AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE:** 13 calendar weeks before the date of accident excluding the week during which the accident occurred.
- **DATE OF MAXIMUM MEDICAL IMPROVEMENT:** The date on which further recovery or marked improvement to an injury or disease can no longer be logically anticipated, based upon reasonable medical probability, as determined by an authorized treating physician.
- **IMPAIRMENT RATING:** A rating established by an injured employee's physician that quantifies an injured employee's physical disability. The Impairment Rating is determined by medical examinations, using Florida Uniform Permanent Impairment Rating Schedule. The impairment rating reflects the percentage of an injured employee's whole body impairment.
- **PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY:** Occurs as a result of a catastrophic injury which leads to a lack of substantial earning capacity.
- **REHABILITATION:** To restore to a condition of health; to train or retrain individuals with residual physical restrictions; to restore their capabilities to return to useful employment. This includes but is not limited to physical therapy, occupational therapy, and vocational rehabilitation.
- **TEMPORARY PARTIAL DISABILITY:** Disability which is partial in nature, but temporary in terms of duration. The employee can usually perform at an alternate work assignment or continue in the original position, with or without an accommodation.
- **TEMPORARY TOTAL DISABILITY:** Disability which is total in nature, but temporary in terms of duration. The employee typically cannot perform any work.
- **WORK RELATED INJURY:** Personal injury or illness arising out of and in the course and scope of employment.

