



# Workers' Compensation

## Urban Myths

**URBAN MYTH:** My permanent disability percentage means the percentage I am permanently disabled, and I will receive that percentage tax free for retirement.

**URBAN FACT:** Your permanent disability percentage is separate from your ability to perform your job in the future, and it does not factor into your retirement in any way.

### What is permanent disability percentage?

A permanent disability percentage is a medical assessment of how much a work-related injury permanently affects your ability to earn a living as determined by your doctor. It's the primary factor that determines the amount of permanent disability benefits due.



### Have Questions?

Contact DHR Workers' Compensation Division!



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### Clearing Up Common Misconceptions

1. Your percentage of permanent disability OR repaying disability payments does NOT make that percentage of retirement tax free.
2. Your permanent disability percentage is used in a formula to calculate the percentage that determines your benefit amount.



### Permanent disability percentage does NOT:

- Relate to your ability to perform your job
- Relate to your ability to return to work
- Affect your pension or retirement benefits
- Make any percentage of your retirement tax-free