



Contact Information

For additional information, forms and safety/risk management information please contact the Insurance Coverage Office at:

Insurance Coverage Office

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Insurance Coverage Office



Serving the insurance needs of Delaware state government

Mission Statement: The Insurance Coverage Office (ICO) supports all State agencies in protecting their employees, the general public and the State's physical assets through fiscally responsible, effective and timely comprehensive insurance management and safety/risk management strategies, policies and services.

Workers' Compensation

The Insurance Coverage Office manages the workers' compensation program for State of Delaware agencies, school districts and fire companies through the oversight of a third party administrator. Workers' compensation data reports which summarize employee injuries, accident causes/costs are available for any covered participant by making a written request to the Insurance Coverage Office detailing both the information required and desired time frame to be summarized.



Automobile, Boat and Aircraft Claims

The Insurance Coverage Office acts as the automobile, boat and aircraft insurance carrier for the state transportation fleet. All liability issues related to accidents including dealing with third party claims arising from automobile accidents are the responsibility of the ICO. Disposition of these claims is handled by an in-house staff of professional, licensed claims representatives.



Police Professional Liability

The Insurance Coverage Office coordinates police liability claims with the Office of the Attorney General.

Importance of Timely Claims Reporting

The importance of timely claims reporting (within 24 hours of any incident) cannot be over emphasized. In reporting incidents the reports should include the date, time, specific location(s), names of injured parties, description of property damaged, (if it involves a building please include the rooms or portions of building(s) involved), the extent of the damage or injuries and as complete a description as possible of the cause of loss or injury.



Claims may be reported by phone at 302-739-3651 or 877-277-4185; by fax at 302-739-5345 or via e-mail at inscov@state.de.us. Reporting forms are available on the ICO website at www.inscov.delaware.gov.

Sovereign Immunity

The State Constitution grants the state immunity from claims arising from risks for which no established program of commercial or self-insurance exists. This means that many claims presented to the Insurance Coverage Office may be part of the statutory exemption provided in the State Constitution. Nonetheless, all claims should be submitted to the Insurance Coverage Office so that proper claims handling procedures can be implemented.

Training/Assessment Services

The Insurance Coverage Office offers a variety of safety and risk management services to state agencies upon request by the agency. These services range from training programs designed to fit the agency's needs to property risk assessment evaluations and services. ICO Risk Management professionals are available to assist all state agencies in developing and implementing a safety/risk management program that is effective and appropriate for the needs of the agency.

Job Analysis Evaluation

The Insurance Coverage Office is responsible for performing Job Analysis Evaluations on open positions to determine whether physical requirements testing is required before hiring potential employees. If testing is required the Insurance Coverage Office develops an inventory of the physical requirements for the position and oversees the implementation of the candidate testing processes.

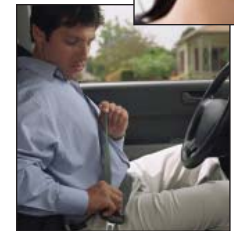
Property Losses

The Insurance Coverage Office serves as a property liability carrier for all state owned property, including public school districts, by providing reimbursement of damage claim repairs after agencies have met the statutory deductible and depreciation stipulations.



Volunteer Fire Companies

The Insurance Coverage Office manages the workers' compensation, disability, Line of Duty and funeral benefit coverages for Delaware's Volunteer Fire Companies.



Safety Awareness

The Insurance Coverage Office produces Safety Matters, a monthly safety awareness newsletter, containing work/home safety awareness tips as well as regular features. The newsletter is offered to all state employees through e-mail. To access previous issues of Safety Matters, go to <http://inscov.delaware.gov/safety/index.shtml>.

All insurance purchases by any State entity, excluding public and higher education, must be coordinated through the Insurance Coverage Office.