

Workers' Compensation

What is Workers' Compensation?

Workers' Compensation, also known as L&I, Labor and Industries, Workers' Comp, and Workmen's Comp, is a process to obtain compensation for physical or mental injuries that occur at work. It's not a lawsuit, nor a civil suit against your employer or the State. Workers' Compensation is an alternative process that's mandatory for obtaining compensation for any kind of physical or mental injuries that occur while you're working.

Expect Immediate Compensation

It's important to know about Workers' Compensation because if you've been injured at work, you should be obtaining compensation immediately. This typically means that within 2-4 weeks you should receive your first paycheck. If you haven't received compensation in a timely manner, you should talk to an attorney right away to find out whether or not you should be entitled to compensation.

Follow Up & Doctor Visits

Once your L&I claim has been filed with your doctor, it's important to follow up regularly to make sure that the compensation you've started to receive continues without interruption. You will need to see your doctor regularly, meaning just about every month (or more depending on your injury) to get medical treatment and other benefits that you're entitled to under the law.

Closing Your Claim

Once your doctor tells you that you don't need any more treatment, it's important to consider the steps in closing your claim. If you have a gut feeling that something is off, whether you feel you need more treatment or you're not getting the compensation you should be getting, talk to an attorney right away.

Why Hire an Attorney?

Representation is important. In the Workers' Compensation process, the State has attorneys, your employer may have an attorney, and perhaps your doctor may have an attorney as well. You don't want to be the only one at the table without adequate representation. Every person in the process can give you pieces to the puzzle and answer some of your questions, but your L&I attorney is the only one who can connect the dots and who truly has your back through the entire process. In one simple 30-minute conversation, Emery Reddy can tell you whether or not engaging an attorney is right for your situation. Call today: **(206) 442-9106**.