

What to expect during your Workers' Compensation Case – An Infographic

If you're injured on the job and file a workers' compensation claim, what happens next? Knowing the facts can help put your mind at ease. Even more important, there's a list of do's and don'ts that you should follow until your case is decided.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING YOUR WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASE

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WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE HEARING?

You will testify and be questioned by attorneys from both sides about your injury.

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HOW MANY HEARINGS WILL THERE BE?

Usually more than one. First you and your witnesses, then later your employer and non-medical witnesses will testify. Only the judge can schedule the hearings.

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WHO WILL ATTEND THE HEARING?

Your attorney or another attorney from the office will attend.
You must only go if your attorney tells you to do so.

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HOW IS THE CASE DECIDED?

After all evidence is presented, a judge will mail the written decision to you and your attorney. This may take several weeks or months. It can only be overturned on appeal if there was an error of law.

WHAT SHOULD I DO UNTIL MY CASE IS DECIDED?

DO's

- See your doctors as needed.
- Keep copies of all medical bills and expenses.
- Keep a detailed record of every job notice sent to you (employer's name, job offered, date of notice, person you contacted and results).
- Keep your attorney advised if you change your phone, address or e-mail!
- If you have any questions or concerns, call your attorney.

DON'Ts

- Do not talk to anyone but your law firm about your case.
- Do not worry if you haven't heard from your attorney. The law firm is busy at work on your case.
- Do not drop by to see your attorney without an appointment. That is unfair to other clients who also need help.

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