



Workplace Accidents: Damages you can Claim

What is Workers' Compensation in Georgia?

Workers' Compensation is a mandatory insurance coverage that must be carried by all employers with three or more part-time or full-time regular employees. It ensures that all work related injuries are properly taken care of and employees receive appropriate monetary assistance based on the kind of injury sustained.

Before detailing the benefits available to victims, it must be noted that some workplace accident claims are denied despite the mishap occurring on the premises of the employer. Under such circumstances claimants have a very short time to file a case. It is wise to **retain the help and counsel of an experienced Personal Injury attorney** who can present your case in the best and most compelling way possible.

Types of Compensation:

Temporary Total Disability Benefits – This benefit is available to the employees who can't discharge any work related duties because of their injuries. The current cap is at two-thirds of the weekly wage, not exceeding \$550. This can be an ongoing provision for 400 weeks.

Temporary Partial Disability Benefits – This benefit is applicable if the victim has to return to a lower paying job because of the physical or mental constraints placed by the accident/mishap. This cap is at two-thirds of the difference between the weekly wage of the claimant before the injuries and the income after, not exceeding \$350. This can be an ongoing provision for 350 weeks. Victims may also seek vocational training to develop a new set of skills. Please call the State Board of Workers' Compensation at (404) 656-0849 to learn more.

Permanent Partial Disability Benefits – This benefit is for victims who suffer from a permanent disability as a result of the accident or the mishap. The percentage of the disability is determined by a licensed physician following the American Medical Association guidelines and the compensation is a factor of this value and the temporary total disability financial assistance in the particular case.

Death Benefits – Death Benefits are extended to the spouse and the minor children of a deceased worker. They include:

- Funeral expenses not exceeding \$7500
- Weekly payments at the rate of two thirds of the salary of the victim at the time of the accident for a cumulative amount not exceeding \$150,000

Minor children may receive weekly pay-outs under the Workers' Compensation Act as well.

Medical Benefits:

Medical benefits are not sustained for a prolonged period of time. They are meant to cover the immediate outlay made by the victim to pay for the care from doctors and therapists. A victim must choose a physician from the panel posted by his employer to ensure that his medical expenses are eligible for reimbursement.

Please inform your boss/uplink/supervisor of your injury immediately and get a listing of the medical units and doctors approved by your employer.

Workplace accidents are not to be taken lightly. If catastrophic, they can put a stop to your career advancement. It is imperative that the scope and extent of the damage inflicted on your person be evaluated and remedial measures put in place to ensure a healthy productive life.

Cliff Carlson Law, PC attorneys can help you in your quest to seek justice.



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