

F.Y.I.: WORKERS' COMPENSATION

If you get sick or are injured while working, you may have the right to Workers' Compensation benefits. The insurance company pays for your medical bills and perhaps for some of your lost wages.

If you are injured while working, get medical care – don't wait! Tell the doctor you were injured at work. You should not have to pay for medical care. Follow the doctor's orders.

Tell the boss right away! It is illegal for your boss to try to stop you from obtaining Workers' Compensation benefits.

Keep records! Keep a record of medical visits, the doctor's name and address, and any costs (such as transportation, prescriptions, receipts, etc.).



If you are still injured when you go home, you may continue to receive medical care and lost wages. It is best, but not necessary, to start your workers' compensation claim before you leave the doctor's office. Ask your doctor for a copy of your medical records and take them home with you. Find a doctor at home to provide care. Send copies of your medical reports to the insurance company.

If you have questions about Workers' Compensation, ask for help! If you need help seeing a doctor, getting your bills paid or receiving wage benefits, call the legal services office in the state you are seeking benefits.