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Your Workers Bill of Rights

Report Regardless of how serious your injury may be, report your accident. Keep record of anyone you speak to regarding your incident.

Medical Attention Generally, you have the choice of any physician you want to see, or anyone that physician refers you. It still only counts as one choice. Emergency rooms and company clinics do not count as your choice of physician. If your company directs you to go to a company or occupational clinic then you may go, but you still have the choice of your own physician regardless of what the occupational or company clinic prescribes for you.

Unable to Work If you are unable to work, provide your company with documentation from your doctor stating you are unable to work. On your doctor's report you are then entitled to temporary total disability benefits to cover any pay you miss while you are unable to work.

Work with Restrictions If you are able to work with restrictions, provide these restrictions to your company, and your company must either accommodate these restrictions, or pay you to remain off work until such time as you are able to return to work full duty.

<u>Settlement Award</u> Once you complete all of your medical treatment, and you are able to return to work earning what you earned prior to your injury, you will be entitled to a settlement or trial award for your injuries.

<u>Unable to Return to Work</u> If you cannot return to work then your company has to assist you in finding alternative employment. If you earn less than what you earned before your injury, you are entitled to 2/3 the difference between what you could have earned before your injury, and your reduced income due to your work injury.

<u>Unable to Work at Any Employment</u> If you cannot return to any type of employment, your company must pay you 2/3 your pre-injury salary tax free for life.

Legal Representation You are entitled to legal representation. Having an attorney on your side protects your rights and is your best opportunity for maximum recovery. Contact our office as soon as possible after your accident, so we may initiate a claim on your behalf through your company's workers compensation insurance carrier.

Your company may not take any discriminatory action against you for filing your claim. Contact Tuohy Law Offices immediately to preserve your rights. Call us toll-free at (866) 729-2454