

The Rights and Responsibilities of an Injured Worker

If you're injured at work, you have the right to:

- Dignified and respectful treatment;
- Fair and prompt evaluation of your claim by your employer, insurer and the Board;
- Prompt, appropriate medical care;
- Proper wage replacement benefits in a timely manner;
- Pursue your case free from discrimination;
- Possible compensation for permanent injuries causing loss of wage-earning capacity or scheduled loss of use;
- Legal representation, if you so choose; and
- The assistance of an interpreter, if necessary.

If you're injured at work, you have the responsibility to:

- Report any work-related injury or illness to your employer in a truthful manner, preferably in writing;
 - Attend hearings and appointments at the scheduled time;
 - Try to resume work as soon as you're capable, based on your physician's report;
- Look for work within your physical capabilities, even if it differs from the work you did when you were injured (call 1-888-4-NYSDOL for help); and
- Respond to appropriate correspondence about your claim in a timely manner. Consult your legal representative if necessary.

New York State Workers' Compensation Board

Call: (877) 632-4996

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