



## **Information for Employees on Wisconsin's Worker's Compensation**

Worker's Compensation is a benefit program that pays for medical treatment and wages lost due to injuries or illnesses that happen at work.

### **What do you do if you are injured?**

- Report any injury or illness to your employer as soon as possible. Provide as much detail and information about how the injury happened and the nature of your injury. Your employer will report your injury to their insurance carrier or claims administrator.
- Get medical treatment as soon as possible. You have the right to choose any physician licensed and practicing in this state to treat your work-related injury or illness. Your employer/insurance carrier will have access to the medical records involved in the injury.

### **What does worker's compensation pay for?**

- Medical treatment resulting from your work-related injury or illness.
- Compensation for wages lost from the employer of injury including partial benefits if you return to work part-time or to a different job at a lower rate of pay.
- Compensation for permanent disabilities resulting from the injury or illness.
- Vocational Rehabilitation assistance to help you find other work or train you if you cannot return to work for your employer in suitable employment.

### **What will happen when you file a claim?**

- Your claim will be promptly reviewed to determine that your injury is work related.
- Your employer/insurance carrier will pay your lost wage compensation, generally within 14 days after your injury, or they will notify you that your claim has been denied.
- If you disagree with the decision by your employer/insurance carrier and cannot resolve a dispute, you may contact your attorney or the Worker's Compensation Division for information about your appeal rights, which may require requesting a hearing with the Worker's Compensation Division.

### **Fraudulent Claims**

Collecting worker's compensation benefits by intentionally misrepresenting, misstating, or failure to disclose any material fact is fraud. Fraudulent claims are subject to prosecution. All suspected violations will be investigated. Anyone may report a potential fraudulent claim by calling the Worker's Compensation Division at (608) 261-8486.

### **Questions and Contact Information**

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