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# **5 MISTAKES THAT CAN SABOTAGE YOUR WORKERS' COMP CLAIM**

and How to Avoid Them



# AT ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAWYERS,

we know the system can be confusing, and mistakes can be costly. That's why we created this free checklist to help you protect your rights.

If you've been hurt on the job, don't let these common errors jeopardize your workers' compensation claim.

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## **1. WAITING TO REPORT YOUR INJURY:**

Illinois law requires you to notify your employer of a workplace injury within 45 days. Delaying your report could raise doubts about your claim and even lead to denial. To avoid this, report your injury to your supervisor immediately, in writing if possible, and be sure to keep a copy of the report for your records.



## **2. NOT SEEKING MEDICAL ATTENTION:**

Seeing a doctor promptly after your injury is crucial for both your health and your claim. Medical documentation is essential to establish the extent of your injuries and link them to your work. Don't delay seeking medical care, and be sure to inform your doctor that your injury is work-related.

## **3. MINIMIZING YOUR INJURIES**

It's natural to want to tough it out, but downplaying your injuries can hurt your claim. Be honest with your doctor about your pain and limitations. Keep a detailed record of your symptoms, treatments, and any time missed from work.



## **4. ACCEPTING A QUICK SETTLEMENT:**

Insurance companies often try to settle claims quickly for less than they're worth. It's important to consult with an experienced workers' compensation attorney before accepting any settlement offer. We can help you understand the full value of your claim and negotiate a fair settlement.

## **5. PRIORITIZE YOUR RECOVERY:**

Give yourself the time and space to heal properly. Rushing back to work before you're fully recovered can lead to setbacks and prolonged discomfort. Working with an Illinois workers' compensation lawyer can help you create a long-term plan and figure out your next best steps.





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