

Work Injury or Workers Compensation Claims

A work accident claim may arise when you have suffered an injury at work that is due entirely or in part to the employer failing to provide a safe system of work. A work injury claim is made against the employer's insurer, which is usually WorkCover Queensland.

If you suffer an injury at work **it is important that you obtain legal advice as quickly as possible as time limits apply.**

Work injuries can include:

- Injuries that occur while travelling on your way to/from work or while working.
- Injuries that occur at work
- Diseases caused by your work.

Workers Compensation Claims

If you are hurt at work, you are immediately able to lodge a claim for workers compensation with WorkCover Queensland. This is sometimes referred to as a 'workers compensation claim'.

This usually results in WorkCover paying your wages and your medical treatment expenses for a period of time while you are unable to work due to your injuries.

If you do not completely recover from your injuries and are left with a permanent impairment, WorkCover will offer you a lump sum payment.

It is essential you obtain legal advice before accepting any lump sum payment as this can preclude you from pursuing a common law claim for damages against your employer.

Common Law Claims

In addition to a WorkCover claim, you may also have a work injury claim where you can sue for damages. This is referred to as a 'common law claim'.

There are a number of steps involved in this process. Your damages or compensation claim can include money for past and future medical expenses, rehabilitation and pharmaceutical expenses, loss of income, care and assistance, pain and suffering and loss of enjoyment of life.