

THINGS YOU SHOULD NOT DO WHEN APPLYING FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION BENEFITS

- » You should not when applying for workers compensation benefits necessarily agree to a request from your employer to see a doctor of their choice.
- » You should when applying for workers compensation benefits see your own doctor for medical advices and any certificate that you may need.
- » You should not deliver your signed application for compensation benefits to your Manager or Supervisor. Doing so may lead to your application being delivered out of time and thus disqualifying you from part, if not all, of your entitlements.
- » You should lodge your application for compensation benefits directly with the designated Workers Compensation officer at the relevant Workers Compensation Insurer ("the Insurer") or the licensed Workers Compensation insurer.

When applying for workers compensation benefits

You should never use your sick leave, holidays or any other entitlement for lost time or expenses incurred **IN LIEU OF** applying for workers compensation benefits for a work-related injury. Doing so may affect your entitlement to workers compensation benefits and cause you significant loss especially should the injury become more serious than at first thought, or if the injury eventually forces you from employment.

You should claim workers compensation benefits for this purpose.

You should not give your Manager or Supervisor an authority to speak with your doctor directly.

**Workplace
Injuries**



If your employer wants to know something about your injury and your ability to return to work, they should communicate with the Insurer directly. If your employer has your signed authority to speak with your doctor, it is possible that your Manager or Supervisor will obtain information not only about any injury that you have sustained, but any other condition for which you have consulted your doctor. Your employer is clearly not entitled to such information.

You should give the Insurer your signed authority to discuss with your doctor matters concerning your injury.

You should not take legal advice from your employer, friends, co-workers or even union organisers regarding your legal entitlements. They are not legal service providers and are unlikely to have insurance to cover them for any incorrect legal advice that they may provide to you, regardless of how good their intention may have been.

You should contact Sciaccas Lawyers on the toll free number for a free legal opinion in relation to all of your possible entitlement to benefits/compensation. After a brief initial consultation, our team of experienced workplace injury lawyers will be in a position to identify any possible traps or pitfalls that you may encounter and advise you of your likely entitlements to any benefits and/or compensation.

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