

We're protected by  
**WORKER'S  
COMPENSATION**

Follow safety rules and you'll be protected from injury. But if you are injured at work, you're protected by benefits.



Report injuries to your supervisor immediately

- You don't need a lawyer to get benefits.
- You won't get in trouble for reporting an injury or making a truthful claim.
- Your supervisor will help start your claim.

Fraud hurts us all

Call the Fraud Hotline if you know about a false claim, (608) 261-8486. Or you can reach us via the internet at <http://www.dwd.wisconsin.gov/wc> Save everyone the added insurance costs and a possible reduction in wage increases.

Don't make a worker's compensation claim unless it's legitimate. You risk jail, a fine and/or job loss.



**FRAUD HOTLINE**

**(608) 261-8486**

# Prevent the Abuse of Worker's Compensation Claims

## We Help Employers Fight Fraud

If you suspect a claim is fraudulent, or that it abuses the system, work with your insurance carrier to prepare evidence of the alleged fraud. Then report the case to:

Worker's Compensation Fraud Unit  
201 E. Washington Avenue  
P.O. Box 7901  
Madison, WI 53707-7901

**For quick help, call the  
Fraud Hotline: (608) 261-8486**

## We Help Employers Fight Fraud

The Worker's Compensation Division is authorized by Wisconsin Statute 102.125 to work with employers and insurers to report, investigate, and prosecute allegations of worker's compensation fraud. Here's what we do:

- Work with you and your insurance carrier to determine if there is enough evidence to take the case to court.
- Refer the case to the local District Attorney's Office for prosecution when there is sufficient evidence of fraud. Cooperation from the Wisconsin Department of Justice and District Attorneys has been excellent.

## PROVE IT!

Conviction of a fraudulent claim requires proof beyond a reasonable doubt of an intentional misrepresentation to secure benefits. Only the best documented cases succeed.

## Prevention Is the Best Defense

A well-designed loss control program and the serious threat of legal action are very effective deterrents to making fraudulent claims.

## Fraud Prevention Tips

1. Develop a first-class safety program. Claims are less likely to mushroom if injuries are prevented and employees feel that management is genuinely concerned about their safety. You can do that by establishing and practicing clear and comprehensive safety policies.
2. Establish strong accident investigation procedures. Injured employees and witnesses should be interviewed in person about the accident as soon as possible. Document all statements. Get a signed statement from the claimant.
3. Show concern for getting injured employees first-class medical evaluations and treatments.

4. Establish procedures for a clear understanding of essential information. Make sure the treating physician understands the nature of the job. Make sure the supervisor understands return-to-work limitations.
5. Make sure employees understand that false claims can be punished by terminations and criminal prosecution.

**NOTE:** Please use the poster on the reverse side to inform employees about worker's compensation fraud.

