# WORKERS' COMPENSATION



is a system of benefits provided by law to most workers who have job-related injuries or illnesses. Benefits are paid for injuries that are caused, in whole or in part, by an employee's work. This may include the aggravation of a pre-existing condition, injuries brought on by the repetitive use of a part of the body, heart attacks, or any other physical problem caused by work. Benefits are paid regardless of fault.

# IF YOU HAVE A WORK-RELATED INJURY OR ILLNESS, TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

- 1. GET MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. By law, your employer must pay for all necessary medical services required to cure or relieve the effects of the injury or illness. Where necessary, the employer must also pay for physical, mental, or vocational rehabilitation, within prescribed limits. The employee may choose two physicians, surgeons, or hospitals. If the employer notifies you that it has an approved Preferred Provider Program for workers' compensation, the PPP counts as one of your two choices of providers.
- **2. NOTIFY YOUR EMPLOYER.** You must notify your employer of the accidental injury or illness within 45 days, either orally or in writing. To avoid possible delays, it is recommended the notice also include your name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, and a brief description of the injury or illness.
- **3. LEARN YOUR RIGHTS.** Your employer is required by law to report accidents that result in more than three lost work days to the Workers' Compensation Commission. Once the accident is reported, you should receive a handbook that explains the law, benefits, and procedures. If you need a handbook, please call the Commission or go to the Web site.
  - If you must lose time from work to recover from the injury or illness, you may be entitled to receive weekly payments and necessary medical care until you are able to return to work that is reasonably available to you.
  - It is against the law for an employer to harass, discharge, refuse to rehire or in any way discriminate against an employee for exercising his or her rights under the Workers' Compensation or Occupational Diseases Acts. If you file a fraudulent claim, you may be penalized under the law.
- **4. KEEP WITHIN THE TIME LIMITS.** Generally, claims must be filed within three years of the injury or disablement from an occupational disease, or within two years of the last workers' compensation payment, whichever is later. Claims for pneumoconiosis, radiological exposure, asbestosis, or similar diseases have special requirements.
  - Injured workers have the right to reopen their case within 30 months after an award is made if the disability increases, but cases that are resolved by a lump-sum settlement contract approved by the Commission cannot be reopened. Only settlements approved by the Commission are binding.

For more information, go to the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission's Web site or call any office:

Toll-free: 866/352-3033	Chicago:	312/814-6611	Peoria:	309/671-3019	Springfield:	217/785-7087
Web site: www.iwcc.il.gov	Collinsville:	618/346-3450	Rockford:	815/987-7292	TDD (Deaf):	312/814-2959

# BY LAW, EMPLOYERS MUST DISPLAY THIS NOTICE IN A PROMINENT PLACE IN EACH WORKPLACE AND COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW. Party handling workers' compensation claims Business address Business phone Effective date Policy number Employer's FEIN

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Please send this form to: ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION 4500 S. SIXTH ST. FRONTAGE RD SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703
By law, employers must keep accurate records of all work-related injuries and illness (except for certain minor injuries). Employers shall report to the Commission all injuries resulting in the loss of more than three scheduled workdays. Filing this form does not affect liability under the Workers' Compensation Act and is not incriminatory in any way. This information is confidential. IC45 8/12

# WORKERS COMPENSATION - FIRST REPORT OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

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#### **EMPLOYER'S INSTRUCTIONS**

#### DO NOT ENTER DATA IN SHADED FIELDS

#### DATES:

Enter all dates in MM/DD/YY format.

#### **INDUSTRY CODE:**

This is the code which represents the nature of the employer's business, which is contained in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual or the North American Industry Classification System, published by the Federal Office of Management and Budget.

# CARRIER:

The licensed business entity issuing a contract of insurance and assuming financial responsibility on behalf of the employer of the claimant.

#### CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR:

Enter the name of the carrier, third party administrator, state fund, or self-insured responsible for administering the claim.

#### AGENT NAME & CODE NUMBER:

Enter the name of your insurance agent and his/her code number if known. This information can be found on your insurance policy.

#### OCCUPATION/JOB TITLE:

This is the primary occupation of the claimant at the time of the accident or exposure.

#### **EMPLOYMENT STATUS:**

Indicate the employee's work status. The valid choices are:

Full-Time On Strike Unknown Volunteer
Part-Time Disabled Apprenticeship Full-Time Seasonal
Not Employed Retired Apprenticeship Part-Time Piece Worker

#### DATE DISABILITY BEGAN:

The first day on which the claimant originally lost time from work due to the occupation injury or disease or as otherwise designated by statute.

#### CONTACT NAME/PHONE NUMBER:

Enter the name of the individual at the employer's premises to be contacted for additional information.

## TYPE OF INJURY/ILLNESS:

Briefly describe the nature of the injury or illness, (eg. Lacerations to the forearm).

#### PART OF BODY AFFECTED:

Indicate the part of body affected by the injury/illness, (eg. Right forearm, lower back).

### DEPARTMENT OR LOCATION WHERE ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS EXPOSURE OCCURRED:

(eg. Maintenance Department or Client's office at 452 Monroe St., Washington, DC 26210)

If the accident or illness exposure did not occur on the employer's premises, enter address or location. Be specific.

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#### **EMPLOYER'S INSTRUCTIONS - cont'd**

ALL EQUIPMENT, MATERIAL OR CHEMICALS EMPLOYEE WAS USING WHEN ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS EXPOSURE OCCURRED:

(eg. Acetylene cutting torch, metal plate)

List all of the equipment, materials, and/or chemicals the employee was using, applying, handling or operating when the injury or illness occurred. Be specific, for example: decorator's scaffolding, electric sander, paintbrush, and paint.

Enter "NA" for not applicable if no equipment, materials, or chemicals were being used. NOTE: The items listed do not have to be directly involved in the employee's injury or illness.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITY THE EMPLOYEE WAS ENGAGED IN WHEN THE ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS EXPOSURE OCCURRED:

(eg. Cutting metal plate for flooring)

Describe the specific activity the employee was engaged in when the accident or illness exposure occurred, such as sanding ceiling woodwork in preparation for painting.

WORK PROCESS THE EMPLOYEE WAS ENGAGED IN WHEN ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS EXPOSURE OCCURRED:

Describe the work process the employee was engaged in when the accident or illness exposure occurred, such as building maintenance. Enter "NA" for not applicable if employee was not engaged in a work process (eg. walking along a hallway).

HOW INJURY OR ILLNESS/ABNORMAL HEALTH CONDITION OCCURRED. DESCRIBE THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AND INCLUDE ANY OBJECTS OR SUBSTANCES THAT DIRECTLY INJURED THE EMPLOYEE OR MADE THE EMPLOYEE ILL:

(Worker stepped back to inspect work and slipped on some scrap metal. As worker fell, worker brushed against the hot metal.)

Describe how the injury or illness/abnormal health condition occurred. Include the sequence of events and name any objects or substance that directly injured the employee or made the employee ill. For example: Worker stepped to the edge of the scaffolding to inspect work, lost balance and fell six feet to the floor. The worker's right wrist was broken in the fall.

#### DATE RETURN(ED) TO WORK:

Enter the date following to most recent disability period on which the employee returned to work.

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# ILLINOIS FORM 85: EMPLOYER'S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF INJURY Please type or print. Employer's FEIN Date of report Case or File # This report is Supplementary / Final Employer's name Doing business as Employer's full mailing address Employer's email address Nature of business or service SIC code Name of workers' compensation carrier/admin. Policy/Contract # Self-insured? Yes / No Insurer's mailing address Zip code City State Birthdate Employee's full name Employee's full mailing address Employee's email address Date of injury/diagnosis Date of first payment Employee's average weekly wage # Dependents Period of disability If the employee died as a result of the accident, give the date of death. BENEFIT INFORMATION Please provide a comprehensive history of payments. Payment Type Weekly Number of Benefit Paid Total (TTD, medical, etc.) Payment Weeks From Through **Payments** Grand total \$ Was this case closed by the Industrial Commission? If so, how was the case resolved? Settlement contract / Arbitration decision / Commission decision

Title, telephone #, and email address

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