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The South Carolina Workers' Compensation Act allows workers to receive medical care and financial benefits without having to prove fault when injured on the job.

Among the primary benefits of Workers' Compensation are paid medical expenses, partial reimbursement for lost wages, and disability reimbursement. After missing seven days of work, workers can receive two-thirds of their average salary. Medical expenses, if approved, are paid in full.

Am I Eligible?

To qualify for Workers' Compensation benefits you must meet the following criteria:

- Your employer must have at least four employees.
- The injury must have occurred while you were working.
- When the injury occurred, all safety precautions required by your employer were used, and you were not under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- You were treated by a doctor who was chosen or approved by your employer.
- The injury was reported within 90 days and the claim was filed within a two-year period.

What to do if You Are Injured at Work...

Because accidents cannot be anticipated, you should have an idea of what you will need to do if you are injured on the job. Keep this checklist on hand as a reference, so that you can be sure to collect all the information you will need to file a Workers' Compensation claim.

1. Get Medical Assistance- Always seek medical attention immediately if you are injured.
2. Report Injury to Work Supervisor- It is very important to report your injury to the proper person(s). When reporting an on-the-job injury, you should speak to your work supervisor. Be sure to be as detailed as possible in your report. Your

report should also include:

- a. Time and place of the injury
- b. Circumstances surrounding the incident
- c. Extent of your injuries
- d. Names of any witnesses

You will need this information when you file a claim or if you consult with an attorney, so you should write down everything you discuss with your supervisor for future reference.

3. Consult an Attorney- Since employers are not required and usually do not assist their employees in filing Workers' Compensation claims, it is in your best interest to consult with an attorney. An attorney can file your claim and assist you if any problems should arise. You should be ready to supply your attorney the following information:

- Personal Information
- Your social security number
- Address and telephone number
- Education and job history
- Description of your job
- Your Employer's Information
- Address
- Type of Business
- Medical Evidence
- Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of any doctors you consulted
- Witnesses
- Names addresses, and telephone numbers of all witnesses to your accident
- Additional Information
- Any other information about the accident that might pertain to your claim.

Advantages of Using an Attorney for Your Workers' Compensation Claim

Coping with an injury is difficult, and it can be even more difficult when waiting for insurance benefits. Hiring an attorney to handle your Workers' Compensation claim is the best way to ensure that your claim will be filed correctly and that you will receive the benefits you are entitled. An attorney experienced in Workers' Compensation claims can quickly file your claim and offer you valuable advice. Most importantly, you will have time to recover for your injury without worrying about the details of your claim.