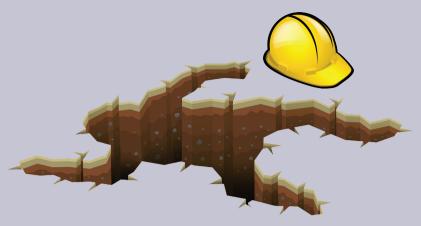
### WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU'RE

# HURT AT WORK

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If you're hurt on the job, you probably have a lot of questions running through your mind. "Do I need to tell someone about this?" "Where should I get treated?" "Can I afford to miss work?" "Should I file for workers' comp?" Workers' compensation is a difficult area of the law. Without knowing how to answer these questions—and the many more that will follow—you can easily make a mistake that could jeopardize your ability to file a claim and collect benefits should you need them.



HERE IS A CHECKLIST OF THE BASIC STEPS YOU SHOULD FOLLOW AFTER BEING HURT ON THE JOB.

## Report your Injury.

Report your injury to your supervisor as soon as possible after your accident.





Make sure your injury report is filled out, and request a copy for your records.

# **3** Request treatment.

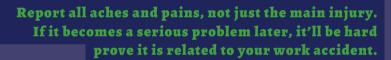
If you need to see a doctor as a result of your work injury, tell your employer.



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### Be thorough in describing your injury.



# 5 Keep all appointments and follow all medical treatment.

Missing appointments with the company doctor or ignoring medical advice can result in your benefits being terminated.



#### Make sure you are receiving 6 your benefits.

If the doctor determines that you are unable to work, you should be entitled to temporary total disability benefits.

## 7 Know when to contact an attorney.

If you feel you are being denied any benefits, or are pressured into giving a statement or settling your claim, do not wait to contact a Missouri workers' compensation attorney.



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