
Part 2: Things to know when making a workers compensation claim

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Making a workers compensation claim might be important for your long term health and benefit, but at the time it can also be stressful and confusing. Knowing the facts, your rights and what to do next is the first step in resolving a difficult situation.

Continuing on from Part 1 of this article, below are a few things you should remember when considering making a workers compensation claim:

4. The earlier you make your workers compensation claim, the better

It will ensure that you are provided with the time and resources for early treatment and quick recovery where possible.

Be aware that once you have made a claim, you may be sent for independent assessment by the insurer's medical doctor, who will provide an opinion for insurance purposes rather than for treatment advice.

Continue to consult your treating doctors (medical expenses may be covered if your claim is successful) to ensure that you are doing all you can to fully recover from your injuries.

5. Be aware that you can challenge an insurer's decision

If your claim is rejected, you can dispute the decision. Here it is recommended that you obtain legal advice from a compensation lawyer regarding the merits of your claim.

Many compensation lawyers provide a free initial consultation and obtain subsequent legal costs from WorkCover so that you will not be required to pay.

6. Seek advice about your entitlements

Even if your claim is accepted, it is helpful to speak to someone who can inform you of any further rights to compensation you may have in relation to your injury.

These may include rights to substantial lump sum compensation if your injury is significant and permanent; compensation for pain, suffering and permanent loss of income; or disablement benefits under your superannuation policy.

Speaking to a compensation lawyer can help clarify your options and entitlements.

Our Compensation Lawyers can provide practical solutions and exceptional results in relation to your compensation claim on a No Win, No Fee basis. Call **1300 773 529** or email a



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Matthews Folbigg has over 50 years' experience protecting personal injury and compensation rights of people living in Parramatta and the Hills.