

# Workers Comp Nightmare -

I was a 44 year old who took a lot of pride in his job and responsibilities . I was the one the supervisors went to because they knew they didn't have to babysit or question whether the job was done and done right . We had a very lenient sick policy which I never took advantage of like so many around me had . As a matter of fact the worst part of my job and what I took pride in was we worked hard day in and day out -12 hr days -6 days a week was more the norm . The downside of this was our management took this to so call " Punish" the deadbeats and stuck them in our crew figuring to make them work but due to lax management and other policies they were allowed to slide but now jobs that required 6-8 employees were now being mostly done by 4-5 of us doing our part plus theirs as well . This has a lot to do with me being on WC due to the fact many of my past coworkers in my field were either hurt or just barely made retirement. What came next was worse a lot worse . On the night of June 24 2014 I was hurt on the job and through many procedures and 2 surgeries one lasting 7.5 hours I was no longer able to continue to work due to lasting effects of the procedures and the injury itself. The last thing I expected was to be treated like or worse than a criminal .

Most of the nonsense began with the supposed IMEs - Name implies "Independent " as in Independent Medical Examiner - Hardly the cases I have and will provide copies of numerous lies from several examiners - Some issues that come immediately to mind are :

My kids had bought me a pair of Uggs slippers for my birthday only had them a few hours when the examiner pointed out " What nice shoes I have " . My reply was " I just received them for my birthday yesterday . Same examiner states in report " No uneven wear on my shoes " apparently a statement to my claim of Drop Foot / Nerve Damage to my leg and foot . Noting that someone with these injuries and or claims would have uneven wear on a normal pair of shoes - Even though it was directly stated to them they're brand new . One report from the Neurologist IME after months of delays that cost me my Physical Therapy because PT is based on the reports from IMEs stated

" Claimant walked across the room with little effort and climbed up on the exam table .

Total lies- we were in a tiny room and it must have been an optometrist exam room or something to that effect because the only things in this room were a small desk and table ( where examiner sat) and some big weird semi circular exam seat I didn't even go near , I was made to stand in a corner .

These are some of the many issues just with the IME process I'm sure if I got to my paperwork ( I saved it all ) there's a lot more to tell -

Oh let's not forget the one IME that did the electrodes in my leg for nerve damage . Seemed like a decent guy - when we were done he suggested that maybe I should take smaller rides around the neighborhood. I countered with my reason for not driving was uncontrollable spasms and cramps in my leg that woke me in middle of night screaming that ex thought I was having a heart attack - getting in cars on a good day is hard enough and also on some pretty strong medications - when faced with my reasoning he again stated take small trips - when I countered again "Do you really want me to be the driver in the car behind your wife and kids ? Examiner then states "Good idea , Don't drive . These are just some examples of so called INDEPENDENT Medical examiners .

Now going forward at first Workers Comp was going well - I see my dr on way home medications already approved and waiting to be picked up - Checks relatively on time like for one to be late was a rare occurrence then something switched and every single month I go through nightmares. Can't make these up .

If my checks are on time my medications aren't and vice versa

My WC Adjuster talks crap about my lawyer and also has health comments to make on my treatments .

I'm being sent checks back to back and then one late so I don't get paid for a month - try telling this to landlords and utilities . Went from checks like clockwork on WednesdayThursday to Friday afternoon now have to go to

check cashing place so there's fees and Ubers because it's now the weekend and I'm broke . Or checks showing up on a Monday or Tuesday the week after they're due .

My prescription situation is absolutely abysmal. When ones approved the other isn't my dr puts in my scripts on same day WC has harassed this situation so much that even though scripts are filed on same day I have to pick them up a month apart . Oh yeah have I mentioned I'm disabled .

It's getting to the point and what they want is I should crawl back to work because the physical pain pales in comparison to the monthly stress of dealing with this circus - I'm going to die from stress related issues before my injuries - think about that - 4 times a month I have to worry and fret over how workers comp is treating me . I'm disabled , now I don't ever ask or demand anything I'm not entitled to - never . But my life shouldn't be purposely made harder . Was asked on short notice and with living conditions not the best this was kind of thrown together . I hope it covers what is needed to warrant a change not only for me but for others. As well . Given a proper amount of time I'd like to address these issues fully .

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