

Breaking Down the Workers Compensation Benefits That Apply to Each Profession

If you've been injured on the job, you may be entitled to receive workers' compensation benefits. These benefits can be a lifeline for people who are unable to work, replacing lost income and paying medical expenses. However, not all [workers' compensation cases](#) are the same - there are unique challenges that you may face depending on your profession. You need a Durham workers' comp attorney who has experience with claims and [Denials](#) in your industry so that you can get the benefits you need as quickly as possible.

North Carolina Firefighters, Police, and EMTs

Our first responders face many risks in the daily performance of their duties. Firefighters can contract lung disease and other illnesses as a result of smoke inhalation and exposure to burning toxic materials, in addition to suffering injuries from [burns](#) and [explosions](#). Police officers could be injured as a result of gun violence or altercations with suspects. EMTs are often dealing with people in mental or emotional distress and are also exposed to blood-borne pathogens and other infectious diseases.

Any of these diseases or illnesses may leave you unable to work and sometimes result in [permanent disability](#). A Durham workers' comp attorney can help you get the benefits you need to take care of your family and pay your bills.

Warehouse and Industrial Workers

Warehouses and other [industrial jobs](#) are often much more dangerous than many people realize. Workers can be seriously injured by a forklift, falling items, or collapsing shelving. Machinery and other industrial equipment can cause many severe injuries. These accidents can result in serious injuries that require weeks or even months of extensive medical treatment and recovery.

Doctors, Nurses, and Other Healthcare Workers in North Carolina

Many people are shocked to discover that the healthcare industry is one of America's most dangerous sectors in terms of work-related illnesses and injuries. Similar to EMTs, hospital staff are often at-risk for being injured by people who are in distress. Nurses and orderlies routinely suffer severe back injuries from lifting patients who cannot get out of bed on their own. They are also regularly exposed to various infectious diseases and blood-borne pathogens. Hospital staff also suffer serious injuries in slip-and-fall accidents. If you've been injured in the healthcare industry, a Durham workers' comp attorney can help you find your way through the workers' compensation system.

Transportation Professionals

Truck drivers spend thousands of hours behind the wheel each year while facing the road's day-to-day hazards. From accidents with other vehicles to injuries that result from sitting for several hours per day, truck drivers can quickly find themselves unable to work. Back injuries are common, as are injuries resulting from climbing up into the truck. Additionally, drivers risk being struck by other vehicles while stopped on the side of the road.

Taxi, bus, and other drivers are also at risk of injuries related to on-the-job motor vehicle collisions. No matter what you drive for your job, professionals in the transportation industry face unique challenges in getting the benefits they deserve. You need a Durham workers' comp attorney who has experience in handling these types of claims.

Office Workers and White-Collar Professionals

Office workers also face risks of work-related injuries, even though those risks may not be as acute as in other industries. Slip and fall injuries are common. Office workers can contract severe illnesses due to being exposed to things like asbestos or toxic mold. These illnesses can be debilitating, sometimes making it impossible to ever return to the workplace.

Repetitive motion or repetitive use injuries (RMI/RUI) are also common among white-collar professionals. Injuries such as carpal tunnel and vision problems can result from long hours in front of a computer without a break.

Proving that your illness or injury is work-related can be challenging for many white-collar professionals. A Durham workers' comp attorney can help you build your case to get the benefits you need.

North Carolina Assembly Line Workers

Moving conveyor belts and other machinery that are common in factories present very specific risks. Additionally, assembly line workers are also prone to injuries due to repetitive use. An injury suffered while working on an assembly line may qualify you to receive workers' compensation benefits.

Construction Workers

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the construction industry is one of the most [dangerous industries](#) in terms of on-the-job injuries. Construction workers can suffer serious injuries as a result of any of the following:

- Slip, trip, and fall accidents
- Accidents involving machinery
- Falling objects
- Defective products or equipment
- Explosions and fires
- Motor vehicle accidents

Many of the accidents suffered by construction workers can result in temporary and even permanent disabilities. Work-related illnesses are also common among construction workers. From asbestos exposure to silicosis, construction workers can find themselves contracting life-threatening illnesses that leave them unable to work.

If you're a construction worker who cannot work due to a work-related illness or injury, you should speak with a Durham workers' comp attorney as soon as possible. They can help you gather the information you need to make a successful workers' compensation claim.

Other Professionals Our Durham Workers' Comp Lawyers Can Help in North Carolina

In addition to the industries listed above, we also handle claims for the following professionals:

- Sanitation workers
- Teachers and school staff
- Skilled trade workers
- Utility workers
- Hospitality industry professionals
- Retail workers
- Mechanics

With nearly 40 years of experience, a Durham workers' comp attorney at Martin & Jones can help you get your benefits no matter your profession.

Speak with a Durham Workers' Comp Attorney Today

At Martin & Jones, we understand the challenges you face when you're injured and unable to work. We provide dedicated legal representation to injured workers to make sure they get the benefits they need. The sooner you call us, the sooner we can help you get the compensation you need - [contact us](#) today at 800-662-1234 to schedule a free consultation.