

Industrial workers are exposed to several hazards every day due to the nature of their jobs. When accidents occur, they can result in serious injuries such as traumatic brain injuries and even death. The result of these accidents can be devastating to the worker and their family, leaving them with lost income and bills they can't pay. If you have been injured in an industrial accident, a Raleigh industrial accident attorney can help you get the compensation you deserve.

Workers' Compensation

In most cases, pursuing a workers' compensation claim is probably your best option. If your claim is accepted, workers' compensation will pay all of your medical expenses caused by the accident as well as 66.6 percent of your weekly wages. These benefits cannot only help you get the medical care you need but also help you pay your bills. Workers' comp benefits can make the difference between financial ruin and being able to get back on your feet.

While you don't necessarily have to hire a lawyer, a Raleigh industrial accident attorney can help you avoid many of the pitfalls that result in claims being denied. Your lawyer can help you get your benefits as quickly as possible so that your family will be taken care of and you can focus on your recovery.

Can I Sue My Employer?

Although workers' compensation provides valuable benefits, workers' comp will not cover all of your losses. As you know, it will not cover all of your lost wages. It also will not cover your pain and suffering. Many injured workers raise the question of whether they can sue their employer.

You cannot sue your employer if worker's compensation would cover your claim. However, many industrial accidents result from callous or reckless disregard for the safety of their workers. For example:

- Explosions due to known gas leaks
- Electrocutions due to poorly maintained facilities
- Refusal to provide necessary safety features or PPE
- Refusal to make repairs to known hazards such as malfunctioning machinery

In these situations, you may be able to sue your employer if you can prove that they knew there was a substantial certainty that their recklessness would result in severe injury or death. It is important to understand that these cases are somewhat rare. If you think you may have a claim, you should speak with a Raleigh industrial accident attorney before taking any action.

You May Have a Third-Party Claim

In many cases, a third party may have caused or contributed to the accident. In those cases, you may be able to pursue a claim against that party. For example:

- You may be able to sue the manufacturer of defective equipment or machinery that caused your accident.
- If you were injured by a negligent motorist or some other non-employee while you were at work, you might be able to pursue a negligence claim against them.
- You may have a third-party claim against a negligent vendor or contractor who caused your accident while they were on the job site.

Contact a Raleigh Industrial Accident Attorney Today

If you have been injured in an industrial accident, a Raleigh industrial accident attorney at Martin & Jones can help you receive fair compensation for your claim. To learn more about us and how we can help, contact us today at 800-662-1234 to schedule a free consultation.

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