

While building collapses are uncommon, they do happen and typically result in very [serious injuries](#) or even [death](#) to anyone who may be on site. If you have been injured in a building collapse while at work, you may be entitled to [workers' compensation](#) benefits. To protect your rights, however, you need to take immediate action. An experienced North Carolina building collapse attorney can help you get the benefits you need to cover your medical expenses and your lost income.

Common Causes of Building Collapses

Almost any type of building is at risk of collapse, depending on the underlying cause. While buildings under construction are at particular risk of collapse, recently completed buildings and older structures are also at risk. Building collapses can happen for a variety of reasons. Some of the more common causes include the following.

- Defective or inadequate building materials
- Design, engineering, or construction flaws
- Improperly laid foundations
- Poor maintenance
- Failure to repair structural issues
- Environmental causes such as fire, wind, or flood
- Failure to comply with building, occupancy, or fire codes

Whatever the cause of the collapse, you may be entitled to compensation if you were injured. A North Carolina building collapse attorney can evaluate your claim and help you get the compensation you deserve.

Are You Entitled to Workers' Compensation?

If you were injured in a building collapse while at work, you may be able to file a claim for workers' compensation benefits. This applies to almost anyone, provided that they were an employee who was performing their job duties

when the collapse occurred. If successful, your workers' compensation benefits could cover the following:

- 100 percent of your medical expenses arising from the collapse
- Up to two-thirds of your average weekly income so long as you are unable to work

A North Carolina building collapse attorney can help you file your claim so that you can get the benefits you need as quickly as possible.

Have You Lost a Loved One In a Building Collapse?

Workers' compensation will also pay death benefits to the worker's surviving spouse and children. If your claim is approved, workers' compensation will cover the following:

- Any medical expenses incurred as a result of the collapse prior to death
- Funeral and burial expenses
- Up to two-thirds of the worker's weekly average income for up to 500 weeks

These benefits can be critical to ensuring that the surviving family can pay their bills and living expenses while they mourn their loss. A North Carolina building collapse attorney can help you file your claim so that you can get the compensation you need to rebuild your life.

Talk to a North Carolina Building Collapse Attorney at Martin & Jones Today

At Martin & Jones, we have a proven track record of helping workers and families recover from all types of workplace accidents. If you or a loved one have been injured in a building collapse, we can explain your options and help you get the compensation you need. Call us today at 800-662-1234 or complete our [online contact form](#) to schedule a free consultation to discuss your case and how we can help.