

If you have been injured in a roofing accident, you may be entitled to [workers' compensation](#) benefits. The sooner you contact a North Carolina roofing accident lawyer, the sooner you can get the help you need.

## Roofing Accidents Can Cause Serious Injuries

Roofers face numerous hazards while on the job. The most common accidents involve falling off the roof, but they are also at risk of being injured by power tools such as a nail gun or being injured by falling tools or materials while they are on the ground. Some of the more common injuries that roofers experience include the following:

- [Concussions and traumatic brain injuries](#)
- [Broken bones](#)
- [Spinal cord and other back injuries](#)
- [Neck injuries](#)

These injuries typically require extensive medical treatment and lengthy rehabilitation. In many cases, the roofer is unable to work for an extended period of time and may face either a partial or total long-term disability.

If you have been injured in a roofing accident, you may be entitled to compensation. A North Carolina roofing accident lawyer can explain your options and help you put your accident behind you.

## Subcontractors and Independent Contractors May Face Challenges

The reality is that many roofing companies are hired as subcontractors or as independent contractors by larger general contractors. General contractors do this for a variety of reasons, some of which involve trying to avoid legal obligations such as providing workers' compensation coverage. As a general rule, injured employees should be covered under either the general contractor's or the subcontractor's workers' compensation coverage. As a result, you should contact a North Carolina roofing accident lawyer immediately if your employer or your general contractor is telling you that you are not covered by workers' compensation.

# What if My Employer Doesn't Have Workers' Compensation Insurance?

Unfortunately, there are many roofing companies that save money by refusing to purchase workers' compensation insurance or by letting their policies lapse. Whatever the reason, roofing companies that fail to provide workers' compensation are subject to significant fines and criminal liability.

In addition, employers remain liable for an injured worker's medical expenses and lost income even if they do not have workers' comp coverage. Injured workers can still pursue a claim through the North Carolina Industrial Commission in this situation but also have the right to file a lawsuit against their employer. This is a complicated situation, however, and we strongly recommend that you engage the help of an experienced North Carolina roofing accident lawyer to ensure you get the compensation you need.

## Why Workers' Compensation Is Important

Workers' compensation allows you to receive important benefits almost immediately and without proving fault. If you have been injured on the job and cannot work, you may be entitled to benefits for the following:

- All of your [medical expenses](#)
- [Disability benefits](#) equal to two-thirds of your average weekly income

A North Carolina roofing accident lawyer can help you get the benefits you deserve so that you can pay your bills and take care of your family.

## Injured in a Roofing Accident? Call Martin & Jones

A North Carolina roofing accident lawyer from our firm can help you get the compensation you need. To schedule a free consultation, call us at 800-662-1234 or [contact us online](#) to discuss how we can help you get back on your feet.