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Workers' Compensation for Uninsured Employers

Did you know that employers who do not carry workers' compensation insurance can face civil and criminal charges? Yes, that is correct. Moreover, people working for such employers are still eligible to receive benefits if they suffer from a work-related disability or injury. Your employer is required by California law to have workers' compensation insurance to pay these costs.



Here are some important points that you should be aware of:

- If you have been injured at work and your employer does not have workers' compensation insurance, you can sue your employer in civil court. The worker will have to prove that the employer does not carry the required insurance, whereas the employer may try to validate that the injury did not occur at work to get away from paying the claimed damages.
- If the employer cannot pay the damages, a state organization, such as the Uninsured Employers Benefits Trust Fund (UEBTF), will pay the workers' compensation benefits to the injured employee. However, if the employee wins the civil case and gets compensation, any benefits from UEBTF will have to be returned.
- Although filing a claim with UEBTF is like filing a claim for workers' compensation, there are additional requirements. These include an application form, a copy of the lawsuit notice to the employer, proof of employment, medical reports and documents that prove that the injury is work-related, treatment bills and other medical expenses, a document that evidences that the employer does not have workers' compensation insurance and a Petition to Join Party Defendant which is a legal document that brings the employer and UEBTF into the claim.
- Chances of getting higher disability benefits increase significantly if you get legal assistance. Workers' compensation lawyers are experienced in overseeing such cases and are aware of the details that need to be addressed to get the claims.
- Did you know that disability benefits also increase by 10% if your employer doesn't have insurance? Also, your chances of getting large benefits are higher if you file a civil lawsuit case instead of a workers' compensation case.



While dealing with an injury is challenging physically, mentally, and financially; finding out that your employer does not carry workers' compensation can really pull you down. However, there is no need to panic or feel lost. Consult with a workers' compensation attorney and put yourself at ease. Your lawyer will guide you better, especially if your employer is at fault for not having the required insurance.

If you have any doubts or questions, it is always beneficial to seek guidance from legal experts who have experience dealing with workers' compensation cases. Call 800-438-7734 for your initial free consultation held in our office, or from the comfort of your own home. The Kenton Koszdin Law Office, workers' compensation attorneys in Van Nuys, can help you navigate the application process for the best possible outcome for you and your family.

From My Blog

Top 5 Things to Know About SSDI

Having a disability caused due to an illness or injury can limit your ability to work and, therefore, cause a financial concern for you and your family. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits provide you with a financial cover that helps you meet your basic needs.

HERE ARE SOME VITAL FACTS ABOUT SSDI THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW



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California Islands

Are you thinking of going on a vacation this summer? California Islands along the coast of the Golden State offer a variety of attractions and memorable experiences for everyone. Exploring the islands is a treat, considering all that is hidden in these wonders.

Among the various islands to visit, here are a few that would top the “must visit and must explore” list!

1. The eight rugged Channel Islands, also known as the Galapagos of North America, are a hub of nature’s unique treasures. The islands abound with sea caves, forests with more than a hundred species of plants and animals, and spectacular vistas. For adventure junkies, snorkeling, kayaking, or hiking will give you an adrenaline rush!
2. The Brothers Island has fascinated visitors for decades. The biggest attraction in the East Brother Island is the bed and breakfast in the lighthouse, which was planned to be demolished; however, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places in the 1960s. The lighthouse was built to guide the ships through the foggy passage between San Francisco and San Pablo Bays. In 2021, unfortunately, the lighthouse's power failed, which halted the visits. This year, maybe things will be different!
3. The one tied with a “Silver Strand” - Coronado Island - offers a unique glimpse into history that dates to 1888. The Spanish-style turrets of the Hotel del Coronado is one of the islands main landmarks. The white powdery beaches are a beautiful place to relax, unwind and soak in the sun! You can also visit the marketplace or go hiking if you want to be closer to nature.
4. If you are looking for a mix of outdoor fun and historic sites, Angel Island is the place to be! The history of the island is unfortunate though, as immigrants were held at an immigration station on the island in the 1900’s. However, the station was turned into a museum that forever narrates their stories. Outdoor activities available on the island include hiking to the top of Mount Livermore, biking, and trail trekking.
5. Interested in fresh air and saltwater activities like canoeing, standup paddle boarding or a whale watching kayak tour? Woodley Island, in Humboldt Bay, Eureka, offers a lot more than just that! This island is also a paradise for birdwatchers as they can relish in spotting godwits, pelicans, egrets, and numerous other birds.



No matter what your preferences are, California Islands have something for everybody. So, plan your visit and book your tours in advance, as these popular destinations are sure to attract many visitors from near and far.

If you or a loved one has been denied [Workers’ Compensation](#) or [Social Security Disability \(SSDI\) benefits](#), it’s important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases involved immediately. Call **800-438-7734** for your initial free consultation, either in our office or in the comfort of your own home. [The Kenton Koszdin Law Office, Social Security attorney in Van Nuys](#), can help you navigate the application process for the best possible outcome for you and your family.

Recipe of the Month

Tiktok Green Goddess Salad

If you love chopped salads, you're going to love the viral Tiktok green goddess salad that is not only satisfying, but also vegan!

Salad Ingredients

- 1 small cabbage finely diced, or iceberg lettuce
- 3-4 small Persian cucumbers finely diced
- 1 bunch green onions sliced
- 1/4 cup chives finely sliced

Green Goddess Dressing

- juice of 2 lemons
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tbsp rice vinegar
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 small shallot
- 1 cup fresh basil
- 1 cup spinach
- 1/3 cup nutritional yeast
- 1/4 cup walnuts
- 1 tsp salt



Instructions

1. Finely dice or chop up all the vegetables and toss in a large bowl.
2. In a blender or food processor, add the dressing ingredients, liquids first: lemon juice, olive oil, rice vinegar, shallot, basil leaves, spinach, nutritional yeast, walnuts, and salt. Blend until smooth.
3. Add the dressing to the bowl with the diced vegetables and mix well. Enjoy on its own, on tacos, as a side with protein, or scooped up with tortilla chips!

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Celine Dion
Crypto.com Arena

Apr 19
Il Volo
Dolby Theatre

Apr 23 – 24
626 Night Market
Santa Anita Park
Santa Monica

Apr 26 – 30
Tootsie
Dolby Theatre

May 8
Mother's Day Evening
of Soul
Patti LaBelle &
Gladys Knight
LA Forum

May 27
New Kids On The
Block, Salt N Pepa,
Rick Astley & En
Vogue
Crypto.com Arena

