

Florida Work Injuries: Accidents that Occur While Away from the Workplace

Not all work place accidents happen while in the office. Under Florida's workers' compensation laws, workers' compensation insurance companies are required to pay for medical care and lost wages even when a work place accident happens away from the work place.

Many of our client's injuries take place while driving, making deliveries or calling on customers. You don't have to be sitting at your desk, in the warehouse or in front of a computer screen in order to be eligible to receive medical care and lost wages after being hurt on the job in Florida.

The law allows for an injured worker to be provided medical attention and paid money for lost time if the injury occurred while in the course and scope of their employment. This means that if you are a delivery driver and while dropping off flowers on Valentine's Day at a dentist's office you trip over the mat because you couldn't see over the giant bouquet of flowers and balloons, you were injured in the course and scope of your employment and can seek benefits under Florida's workers' compensation law.

Beware of those who advise that you do not have a workers' compensation claim because the accident or injury happened away from work. Many employers, supervisors and even Human Resource representatives do not fully understand the law. If you think you were hurt at work, you probably were. If you want to find out if your workplace injury is covered under Florida's workers' compensation law, call an experienced workers' compensation lawyer at the Law Offices of Franks, Koenig & Neuwelt today.

Other possible examples of injuries that occur away from the jobsite include: performing tasks specifically assigned to you by your employer; traveling to and from your employer's different offices; making calls at customer's facilities; doing repairs at homeowner's residences and much more.

After being injured in a workplace accident away from the office, the workers' compensation insurance company may seek to deny your claim or offer you a minimal sum of money to settle your claim. Do not give up the benefits to which you are entitled or settle for cheap based on what the insurance company tells you

If you or a loved one has been injured or hurt at work, call one of the experienced workers' compensation attorneys at the <u>Law Offices of Franks</u>, <u>Koenig & Neuwelt</u> today. We have more than 50 years combined experience helping the injured. Call us for a free and confidential consultation at 1-877-We-CAN-HELP.

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