



# WORKERS' COMPENSATION:

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Accidents happen. That's why it's so important that we have workers' compensation to protect our rights and ensure that we have access to medical coverage and partial wages while recovering from on-the-job injuries.

But what happens when your accident involves injury to a body part that has suffered injury before? How can you prove the difference between your prior injuries and your new on-the-job injury?

Fortunately, you *can and should* file a claim for your new injury.

# What Effect Does Prior Injury Have On Your Case?

#### 1. Your Old Injury Is Not Work Related.

If your old injury isn't work related and you are no longer receiving treatment, it is no longer relevant to your claim. In most cases, this will have no bearing on your current claim.

## 2. What If Your Old Injury Was Work Related?

If you are still being treated for an existing work related injury, part of your injuries may be appropriated to the old accident.

By analyzing the case, looking at medical records, speaking to the doctors, and taking medical testimony, our attorneys can help the judge and the workers' compensation board distinguish between the old injury and your new claim.

Every case is different and needs to be analyzed separately. If you have been injured on-the-job, give us a call. Our attorneys have extensive experience in handling workers' compensation cases. Whether you have an existing injury or this is your first injury at work, we can help ensure you receive the maximum amount that you are entitled to under the law.

Learn more about our practice and our attorneys on our <u>website</u>. You can also call 718-626-7730 directly to reach our office for legal assistance.

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