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We know that workers' compensation is there to protect us in the unfortunate event that we are injured while we are at work, but what happens if we're injured on the way there?

Does workers' compensation cover injuries while traveling to or from work?

In certain cases - the answer is yes.

If you drive a company car, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for medical bills, out-ofpocket expenses, and a portion of lost wages.

If you drive a personal car, but use the vehicle for work-related sales, you can still apply for workers' compensation. You may receive benefits if you are required to be away from your workplace or home in order to perform duties for your employer.

If your employer provides transportation and you are injured, this will also likely be covered by workers' compensation.

If you're injured in the company parking lot or on the sidewalk, you are also covered by workers' compensation. In most cases, your workers' compensation coverage begins when you step onto work premises.

If you are injured during your every day commute, but do not fall under the

above exceptions, it is likely that your case will not qualify for workers' compensation. The Workers' Compensation Board often refers to this as the "portal to portal rule." Under this rule, workers' compensation coverage doesn't begin until you arrive at work, and ends when you leave at the end of the day.

If you're not sure if your injury qualifies for workers' compensation, give us a call! Our attorneys are here to answer any questions you have about workers' compensation and ensure you get the coverage that you are entitled to.

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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