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## The Attorneys at Pyrros & Serres LLP Answer Your Workers' Compensation FAQs

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Have you experienced an on-the-job injury?

Fortunately, workers' compensation is designed to help you cover your medical bills, as well as your time spent out of work. Our attorneys are always here to answer any questions you have about your workers' compensation case.

Here are a few FAQs to help you get started!

#### **FAQs:**

##### ***What Fees Do I Have to Pay My Lawyer?***

Workers' Compensation fees do not come out of your own pocket. If you have a case, you never have to pay your hired lawyer directly! Any fee in connection with a workers' compensation case is decided by the Judge and the Workers' Compensation Board.

A fee is typically earned if your attorney can get you money above whatever the insurance carrier may pay voluntarily. The fee is deducted from the additional money that your attorney may get for you. This ensures that you are getting the most out of your case and that your lawyer is working hard to get you everything that you deserve.

##### ***How Does An Old Injury Affect Your Case?***

In some cases, old injuries can be considered in your workers' compensation case. We need to take a look at your medical history and whether or not you were receiving treatment. By looking into the case and speaking to your doctors, we can distinguish whether an old injury is relevant to your claim.

##### ***How Do You Prepare for Your Hearing?***

Your attorney will help you prepare for your hearing. You will receive a hearing notice from the New York State Workers' Compensation Board approximately 2-3 weeks before your hearing date.

##### ***How Will Going Back to Work Affect Your Case?***

Speak to your doctor about what you are capable of doing and get the necessary medical clearance before going back to work. You will need to notify your

insurance company and the workers' compensation board after you have returned. It is important that you don't cash any checks you receive from workers' compensation during this period of time. In some cases, you may be eligible for an additional award of money even after you return to work.

If you have any questions about the workers' compensation process, contact our office. Our experienced attorneys are here to represent you and help make the process simple for you and your family.

Call 718-626-7730 to reach our office for legal assistance.

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Sincerely,  
The Attorneys and Staff at Pyrros & Serres, LLP