

Stephen W.:

For an injured worker, there are a number of issues that they have to grapple with, and are important for them to deal with right after an incident. There are insurance issues. There's the question of Worker's Compensation and how that may or may not apply. There's dealing with your employer, making sure the proper incident or accident reports are filled out, filing the claims that are necessary to be filed, gathering important evidence.

Stephen W.:

While we would hope that our employers, and those who are surrounded by our employers, will do the right thing to make sure that evidence is preserved, accident reports are drafted accurately. Oftentimes, unfortunately, we see the opposite happen. Reports are drafted in a self-serving way, that tends to cover up or minimize an incident. Right from the outset, it's really important for an injured worker to have their own advocate that is separate and apart from their employer, or from someone associated with their employer.

Stephen W.:

A lot of clients tend to assume at the outset that the employer's going to be in their corner, or that the employer's going to do the right thing. We wish that was true. Oftentimes, it's not. Experience shows that the earlier and the sooner and the better that someone has an attorney in place, an advocate for themselves, the better they are as time goes on.