



PROTECT YOUR **RIGHTS**

Workers' compensation is a statutory system for providing North Carolina workers who have been accidentally injured on the job with payment for their medical bills and compensation for their missed time from work. If a worker is permanently injured, and thus, disabled from working, the workers' compensation law provides a certain amount of compensation, according to the workers' compensation statutes. If the on the job accidental injury of the worker results in death, there are statutory amounts of compensation which are available to the heirs of the worker. Workers' compensation law is not always easy to understand, and an injured worker can benefit from consulting with a knowledgeable attorney.

Defective Products

Call us and learn the answers to questions like these and more:

- Who can be held responsible for defective products in North Carolina?
- What do you have to show in order to prove that a product is defective?
- Can the age of the product affect whether I can bring a defective product claim?
- If I think I may have been injured by a defective product, what steps should I take to preserve potential evidence?
- Should I contact the manufacturer of the product or the store before getting advice from an attorney?
- Can I bring a defective product claim even though the injury happened at work?
- Should I contact the Consumer Product Safety Commission to report the injury?

Auto & Motorcycle Wrecks

Following a motor vehicle or motorcycle wreck, there are certain things you can do to protect your rights.

When the liability of the other driver is clearly set forth on the police report, there is often no reason to give the insurance adjuster a recorded statement. Just after a traumatic event, your body may not experience pain right away for a variety of reasons. Yet, several days later, when your body relaxes, you can hurt all over. Insurance company adjusters are professionals, trained in taking statements and getting you to say what they want on tape. These statements can be used against you in the future. Remember, after your vehicle is repaired, you may still have a diminished value claim. Call 1-800- GOOD-ADVICE, in the 919 area code, for assistance. Also, call your insurance agent and see if you have enough "medpay," especially if you do not have health insurance.

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Hello My Friends:

Yearly, the firm would like to share some helpful information with our past and present clients.

In times like these, it is important to know you have a friend in the legal field. There are no quick fixes or easy answers. But, if you are injured because of someone else's actions, there are ways to maximize your recovery. I am reaching out to provide you with some "helpful hints" (attached) and to remind you that I am available at any time to help answer any questions or concerns that you may have concerning any legal matter. If I am not in a position to help, I will try to put you in touch with someone who can. Even if you or a friend just has a property damage question and wants a quick answer, I am here to help. Also enclosed are two GOOD ADVICE cards for you and a friend.

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Schuette Law of North Raleigh, P.A., provides free consultations to those who suffer physical injuries as a result of the negligence of another. We can explain the process of insurance claims in greater detail.

