

WHAT IS WORKERS' COMPENSATION?

Workers' compensation is an accident insurance program paid by your employer which may provide you with medical, rehabilitation and income benefits if you are injured on the job. These benefits are provided to help you return to work. It also provides benefits to your dependents if you die as a

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I FILE A CLAIM?

If you do not receive any benefits, you may request a hearing before the State Board of Workers' Compensation at the above address. A hearing is like a trial in the courts of Georgia. Your claim will be decided by an Administrative Law Judge who listens to both sides of the claim and determines what benefits, if any, you should receive. The judge's decision will be based on the law and the facts involved.

WHEN WILL THE HEARING TAKE PLACE?

The hearing generally will be scheduled within 60 days from the time the judge receives the Form WC-14.

WHERE WILL THE HEARING TAKE PLACE?

The hearing will generally be held in or near the county where you were injured.

DO I HAVE TO HAVE A LAWYER REPRESENT ME AT THE HEARING?

Everyone has the right to represent him or herself. However, your employer may be represented at the hearing by a lawyer. You may need help from a lawyer in order to present your claim properly.

WHAT IF I WANT TO HIRE A LAWYER BUT I DO NOT KNOW ONE?

You may call the Atlanta Bar Association Lawyer