

# Workcover Claims



How to access the right benefits  
and lump sum compensation.

## Why you need independent legal advice from an expert lawyer

- ▶ Workcover insurers have their own lawyers who advise them about their obligations to pay compensation, or not
- ▶ Workcover insurers will not provide you with independent legal advice, nor will they automatically pay your full compensation entitlement

It is critical that you obtain independent expert legal advice in the early stages of the claims process, to ensure:

- ▶ You are aware of the total range of benefits and lump sum compensation available
- ▶ You are advised as to whether you will qualify for lump sum compensation and the process of obtaining it
- ▶ Evidence is collected when it is fresh and available to maximise your entitlements
- ▶ You obtain the best possible outcome

## Benefits you could be entitled to

If you are injured at work, you could be entitled to a range of benefits, available irrespective of how the injury occurred. These benefits are paid by Workcover insurers, and include:

- ▶ Payment of medical expenses
- ▶ Income loss payments when you are unable to work due to your injury
- ▶ A lump sum for any permanent injury – the maximum payable is \$373,420

In addition you could claim a further lump sum payment if another party was at fault or partly at fault for the workplace injury. This is known as a common law claim

The maximum benefit payable in a common law claim is:

- ▶ \$462,720 for pain and suffering compensation
- ▶ \$1,062,800 for financial loss compensation

## Slater & Gordon will offer a No Win No Fee™ arrangement

This means you will not be required to pay our professional fees until the successful conclusion of your case. We will also offer to fund out-of-pocket expenses in some cases.

Our lawyers have many years of experience in this area, providing you with personalised service for the best result. If necessary we can arrange a home or hospital visit for you to talk to a Slater & Gordon lawyer.

To find out what benefits you are entitled to, if Workcover insurers are paying you the right benefits, or if you qualify for a lump sum claim or common law claim - call our expert lawyers who are ready to advise you.



\*Conditions apply.  
Does not include other party costs.

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