

9 days remaining to fix these cuts to truly injured workers!

Permanent Disability Horror Story No. 10 Tim Harris

The Schwarzenegger Administration's Disability Rating Schedule severely cuts benefits to permanently disabled workers.

About Me: My name is Tim Harris. I am 59 years old, and I live in Petaluma.

My Family: I'm married, and have two grown daughters.

My Job and What Happened: I worked as a graphic designer for the Legacy Marketing Group. I injured my back lifting a box of copier paper. The next morning I couldn't get out of bed, and my nightmare began. I have had back fusion surgery, after which I fell and needed hip surgery. Surgery caused an infection, which led to more hospitalization and surgery. I am in constant pain, cannot work, and will probably never return to work.



What this has meant to my life: I used to be an active, youthful Californian. I played golf, biked and was a diver. My injury at work made me old very fast. I feel worse after my surgery. My health has gone downhill on many levels. Now, I use a cane or a walker to go outside. I can barely make it a full block--so the 1/2 block around my house is my world. I can't drive, and even going out to a movie is difficult. We had a good salary and a good life. Since I was injured at work, the bottom has fallen out of our finances. We've had to use our savings to survive.

How the Governor's Schedule Affects Me

How Workers' Comp was supposed to help me:

Workers compensation was supposed to provide medical care to heal my injury, retraining for another job, and compensation for having to live with a bad back and poor health for the rest of my life. The governor's schedule would take away more than half of my Permanent Partial Disability compensation, and that would hurt my family's finances.

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