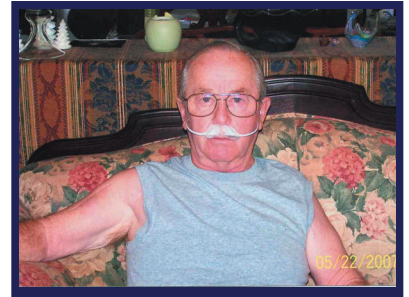


DAVID RADLEY'S Injured Worker Horror Story

“I fell at work and broke my shoulder. The insurer denied surgery so long that my other shoulder broke down. It’s been 10 years since my injury and I still haven’t received the medical care I need. The pain, stress and medication is killing me one day at a time.”



About Me: My name is David Radley. I am 64 years old. I live in Crestline, near San Bernardino.

My Family: I’m married; my wife, Cherie, and I have been married for 34 years. We have 6 grown children between the two of us.

My Job and What Happened: I worked as an Operating Engineer for Local Union 12 for 26 years. One day, as I was stepping out of the cab of the crane I operated for Fontana Steel, I slipped on oil that had leaked from the crane. I fell, landing on my right shoulder, crushing the bone. That day I was told that the bone might die because of the severity of the injury. It took 18 months for the insurer to approve my surgery. I was in severe pain that entire time and had to sleep on my left side, which broke that shoulder down. After several months of waiting, surgery was performed. I have already had the prostheses in my left shoulder replaced once and it now needs to be replaced again. Two days before my shoulder surgery, the insurer withdrew approval. I am in extreme pain every day and on maximum dosage of Norco. I am losing my memory. I am losing my will to live.

What this has meant to my life: I’ve lost my job and career. I used to earn nearly \$90,000 a year. Now I subsist on Social Security Disability. I used to be very active before my injury. I was an avid fisherman and loved to climb in the San Bernardino Mountains. Now I can’t dress or take out the trash without intense pain. I’m unable to do anything due to the pain and medications. My wife had to give up her business to be my main caregiver.

How the Governor's Workers' Comp Law Affects Me

How Workers' Comp was supposed to help me: Workers' Comp is supposed to pay for medical care to repair my injury, but we have had to fight the insurer for every bit of care. They have delayed surgery so long there is no way I will ever be able to return to work. I would give anything to be able to work again. The insurer was supposed to compensate me for lost earnings. I shouldn't have to fight every day to get the medical care I am entitled to. Is the insurer trying to drive me to commit suicide or face bankruptcy?

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