

ROBERT NARES' Injured Worker Horror Story

“I lost my leg and now I’ve lost most of my compensation for my Permanent Disabilities.”



About Me: My name is Robert Nares. I’m 50 years old, and I live in Vista, near San Diego.

My Family: I am not married.

My Job and What Happened: I worked in demolition for Daggett Removal. On August 20, 2002, I was operating a Bobcat skiploader on a slope as we were tearing down a building. I had one leg in the Bobcat and one leg outside. The machine tilted, pinning my right leg between the loader and its bucket. I ended up in the hospital Emergency Room, and the doctor informed me I needed immediate surgery to amputate my leg above the knee.

What this has meant to my life: I have not been able to work. I’ll never be able to do my old job again. I have suffered both financially and personally. I cannot do any of the things I used to do with my family. I’m not close to my friends anymore because I can’t do the things they do together. I have pain in my back; can’t kneel, sit or carry much.

BEFORE
\$112,585
Plus \$65
a week for life

AFTER
\$50,702
TOTAL

How the Governor's Workers' Comp Law Affects Me

How Workers' Comp was supposed to help me: I was to receive permanent disability compensation to partially make up for the loss of income I am suffering due to my work injury. Now, my permanent disability benefits are being drastically cut. Before the governor’s cuts, I would have received \$112,585, plus a life pension of \$65 per week. Now, as a result of the governor’s changes, I have received a letter informing me that I will only get \$50,702.50 for my permanent disability.

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