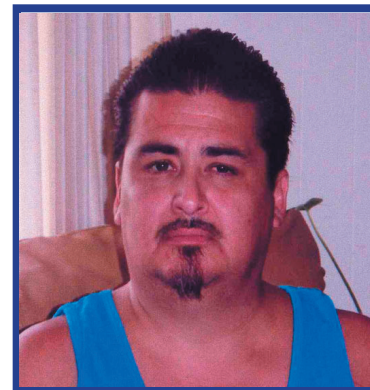


Greg Parr's Injured Worker Horror Story



“I fell and broke my elbow at work, also injuring my shoulder. The insurance carrier has denied treatment for my elbow, because my claim used the word ‘arm’ instead of ‘ulna.’ I am a single father, have diabetes and have lost my job and my sight in one eye since this injury at work.”

About Me: My name is Greg Parr, and I live in Perris, in Riverside County.

My Family: I am 42, and a single father to two wonderful girls: Daria, 17; and, Jordyn, 10.

My Job and What Happened: I worked as an Electrician and am a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 440. On April 22, 2004, I was walking on a pipe when I felt my feet slip out from under me. I fell down head first. The pain was unbearable. I went to work the next day and could barely move my left arm. I was put on light duty. I had pain shooting up and down my arm and shoulder. I found out later that I had a split elbow bone. Workers’ comp has denied any claim to my elbow since the claim was filed for my left arm, but didn’t use the word “ulna.” When the doctor removed me from work temporarily, I was fired! Because I was fired, I lost my health insurance. I can’t get better without treatment, and I am getting worse without the proper care. My diabetes is failing me. I have gone blind in my left eye, and my right eye is not far behind. The workers compensation insurer has denied treatment.

What this has meant to my life: I cannot return to work with limitations. I have been denied physical therapy and have become addicted to vicodin. If it weren’t for my parents, my girls and I would be on the streets.

How the Governor's Workers' Comp Law Affects Me

How Workers' Comp was supposed to help me: Workers compensation insurance is supposed to heal my injuries, provide temporary support while I heal, and compensate me for my permanent disabilities. I still need shoulder surgery and I can’t get approval for care. How am I to heal and return to work when I can’t get approval for care?

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