

Lisa Rowland's Injured Worker Horror Story



“For four years, I have been left to die. I used to make over \$100,000 a year, and now I am homeless and can no longer provide for my son. Doctors’ recommendations for treatment and surgery are ignored and denied. All I want is to get better and get back to my life.”

About Me: My name is Lisa Rowland. I am 42 years old and live in Fullerton.

My Family: I am a single mother of a teenaged son named Torre.

My Job and What Happened: I worked as an Executive Sales Director for Honeywell. I was traveling from one appointment to another, when I was involved in a rollover accident. I was ejected from my car and thrown into oncoming traffic. My right foot, heel, ankle and leg were shattered, along with my left femur, hip, pelvic bone, sacrum, tail bone and 13 teeth. I fractured my left wrist, elbow, chin, jaw and face, along with injuring the left side of my skull and brain. I have many more internal injuries. Multiple doctors have said I should have died upon impact but I didn’t, and I live to tell this horrifying story of the reality injured Californians face in workers’ comp. To add to the injury, I was assaulted by a hospital employee. The hospital released me that night, without notice, leaving me outside in a wheelchair with just a prescription for medication and no one to fill my prescription or care for me. I was given very high doses of pain meds. I finally realized these meds were harming me, and I requested to be placed in a detox facility, but that was denied. So I stopped the meds cold turkey. The withdrawals were terrible, and once again I was ignored.

What this has meant to my life: I’m suffering from chronic pain, depression and anxiety. I used to make over \$100,000 a year, and now I am homeless and can no longer provide for my son. I can no longer walk, sit or lay down without excruciating pain. I have no way to support myself and my limitations are endless. My teeth haven’t even been fixed! Is this the way our government kills off the weak and injured?

How the Governor's Workers' Comp Law Affects Me

How Workers’ Comp was supposed to help me: Workers compensation insurance was supposed to provide medical care to heal my injuries but the insurance carrier has denied treatment and cut off all financial support. I can’t even get a court date! I am unable to return to work due to my untreated catastrophic injuries and high levels of pain.

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