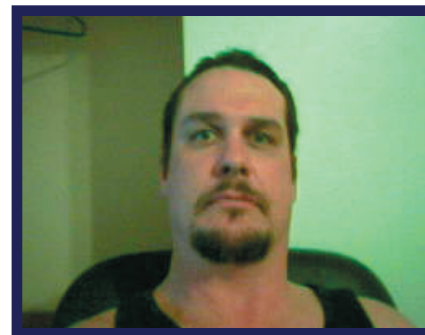


REBEL SCHROEDER'S Injured Worker Horror Story

“The company doctor did me more harm than good. The company stopped my disability benefits. The governor’s permanent disability cuts would leave me with just \$3,512 to compensate me for the rest of my life.”



About Me: My name is Rebel Schroeder. I’m 41 and I’ve lived in the San Bernardino area

My Family: I live with my partner of 8 years, Lori.

My Job and What Happened: I’ve worked most of my life at physical labor. I have dyslexia, so I can’t do office work. I’ve been a certified forklift driver for over 12 years. I loaded trucks with roofing tile for my employer, Eagle Roofing. I also cleaned up the company site from manufacturing debris, including molds used to make the tile, and did maintenance work. On March 13, 2005, I was mopping up in the break room when a large metal air vent broke and fell on my head. It knocked me right off my feet. The vent seriously injured my head and neck. The company sent me to their doctor at US Healthworks, who put me on light duty for a month. He also sent me to physical therapy, but after the second visit the therapist said it was doing me more harm than good. I got an attorney and saw another doctor. The company told me they have no more work for me.

What this has meant to my life: I used to make \$2,000 a month. I used to work 6 days a week, 9 hours a day, and I loved my job and enjoyed life. I rode my motorcycle, worked on my own car, went camping and did yard work. Now, I’m in constant pain. It hurts to even put on a hat! I can’t even see a barber for a haircut because I don’t want him moving my head around. I can’t ride a motorcycle anymore, or do much of anything. I’m on painkillers, so to get out of the house is a major event. I’m living on \$280 a month, but my rent alone is \$335. I’m building up a huge debt to my landlord. I’ve had to apply for welfare.

How the Governor’s Workers’ Comp Law Affects Me

How Workers’ Comp was supposed to help me: Workers comp. was supposed to give me medical care, compensation for my temporary and permanent disabilities, and retraining for a job I can now do with my disabilities. But they cut retraining. I’m still in pain after the company’s doctor provided care that caused me more harm than good. I have almost no income, because the company stopped my disability benefits. I’m threatened with losing my ability to earn any income.

**BEFORE
\$17,553
AFTER
\$3,512**

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