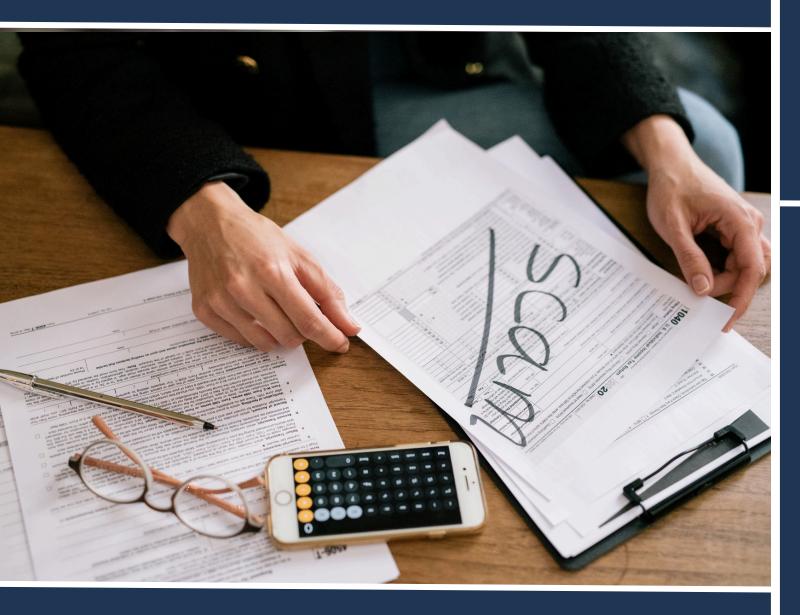


WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD





TO REPORT WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD CONTACT

Louisiana Workforce Commission Workers' Compensation Fraud Section Toll-Free Fraud Hotline: 1-800-201-3362

(All information remains anonymous)

Workers' Compensation Fraud is Punishable by Louisiana Law

The Louisiana Workforce Commission is working with law enforcement to find and prosecute Workers' Compensation Fraud.

WHAT IS WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD

Common forms of workers' compensation fraud include:

- Faking an injury or illness in order to collect workers' compensation benefits
- · Claiming that a work-related injury or illness is more severe than it really is
- · Claiming that an injury which occurred in another location happened in the workplace
- · Collecting workers' compensation benefits long after an injury has healed

These actions are illegal. Under the Louisiana Workers' Compensation law [Louisiana Revised Statute (La. R.S.) 23:1208], it is unlawful:

- · For any person, for the purpose of obtaining or defeating any workers' compensation benefit payment for themselves (himself) or another person, to willfully make a false statement or representation.
- · For any person, either directly or indirectly, to aid and abet an employer or claimant or counsel an employer or claimant to willfully make a false statement or representation.

What Can Happen to You?

- · Any person who violates these provisions of the Workers' Compensation law will be subject to punishment based on the value of the benefits or payment obtained. [La. R.S. 23:1208(C)]
- \$10,000 or more: The person shall be imprisoned (with or without hard labor) for up to 10 years, fined up to \$10,000, or both.
- · Between \$2,500 and \$10,000: The person shall be imprisoned (with or without hard labor) for up to 5 years, fined up to \$5,000, or both.
- · Less than \$2,500: The person shall be imprisoned for up to 6 months, fined up to \$500, or both.

In addition to criminal penalties, any person who violates these provisions of the Workers' Compensation law may also be assessed civil penalties by the workers' compensation judge of not less than \$500 or more than \$5,000 and may be ordered to make restitution for benefits claimed or payments obtained through fraud. [La. R.S. 23:1208(D)]

Any employee who violates these provisions of the Workers' Compensation law shall, upon determination by a workers' compensation judge, forfeit any right to compensation benefits. [La. R.S. 23:1208(E)]