WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FRAUD IS NOT A VICTIMLESS CRIME



Each year millions of dollars are diverted due to workers' compensation fraud

Help us direct every dollar back to our children's education and future by reporting workers' compensation fraud

Making a false or fraudulent statement to obtain workers' compensation benefits is a violation of the California Insurance Code 1871.4(a)(1): PUNISHABLE up to one year in county jail if convicted of a misdemeanor and <u>UP TO FIVE YEARS IN STATE PRISON</u> if convicted of a felony and <u>FINES OF UP TO \$150,000</u> or double the value of the fraud, whichever is greater.

The National Crime Bureau estimates workers' compensation fraud is a \$30 billion problem annually in the US. In California, it is estimated to be up to \$3 billion per year.

Examples of workers' compensation fraud include:

- Reporting an injury that occurred off the job as a work injury
- Reporting an injury that never happened
- Exaggerating injury symptoms to gain paid time off work and/or other disability benefits
- Adding other body parts or medical conditions to the workers' compensation claim that were not caused by the work injury
- Not reporting outside income from other work-related activities while drawing workers' compensation benefits
- Making false or fraudulent statements for the purpose of obtaining workers' compensation benefits
- Aiding and abetting a fellow employee's workers' compensation fraud scheme

TO REPORT WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD, CALL 877-742-5437