

MassCOSH's Legal and Medical Access Directory

Increasing Workers' Access to Legal Representation, Medical Treatment, and Justice



Contains critical information regarding your rights, top-notch legal representation, and medical care

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The Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety & Health



About MassCOSH

For 39 years, the Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety & Health (MassCOSH) has worked to ensure that all workers earn their living and return home alive and well. MassCOSH unites workers, unions and community groups with environmental and health activists to end dangerous work conditions, to organize for safe, secure jobs, and to advocate for healthy communities. Through training, technical assistance, and building community/labor alliances, MassCOSH mobilizes its members and develops leaders in the movement to end unsafe work conditions.

The 2015-16 MassCOSH Legal and Medical Access Directory is our effort to ensure that all workers have the tools and resources to fight against unjust and unsafe working conditions. The critical funds donated by the legal professionals in this document will be used in the coming year to link low-wage workers with essential legal and medical resources and to advocate for strong worker protections. The work we do would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of these participating attorneys. Also included in our directory is a listing of medical professionals who were recommended by injured workers and attorneys for their expertise in diagnosing and treating injured workers. Each accepts Workers' Compensation insurance.

About MassCOSH's Legal Access Initiative

MassCOSH's Legal Access Initiative links the state's low-income and immigrant workers with legal representation and enforcement resources to help them achieve their workplace rights. Through this initiative, workers are able to navigate the legal system to address a host of labor violations such as health and safety, workers' compensation, wage and hour, and defend against sexual harassment, assault, discrimination, and retaliation.

Since July 1, 2007, when MassCOSH initiated the Legal Access Initiative within its Immigrants' Worker Center, thousands of workers have benefited from legal assistance to address injuries, physical and sexual assaults, and wage and hour violations. Workers have collectively won millions of dollars in damages, greatly improving their quality of life.

MassCOSH can not endorse individual attorneys, firms or medical providers. However, all participating attorneys in MassCOSH's Legal Access Initiative have demonstrated a commitment to MassCOSH's mission and have agreed to the following:

- Respond to a worker inquiry within 48 hours to schedule an intake;
- Provide clients with an agreement to represent, or written notice that s/he is unable to do so, within ten days of receipt of materials needed to evaluate the case;
- Upon accepting the case, or in the initial meeting, provide an orientation about what workers can expect from the legal process;
- Keep workers updated on the progress of the case;
- Provide translation for non-English-speaking clients;
- Avoid excessive pressure on workers when presenting settlement offers.

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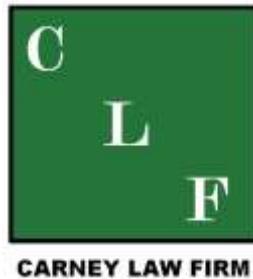
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The following medical professionals were recommended by attorneys and injured workers. All have experience with injured workers and their need for prompt medical treatment. They have been listed by specialty.

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Languages: English only
Accepts Workers' Comp?: Yes

Dr. Alan Ertel
22 Mill Street, Ste. 302 Arlington, MA 02476
781-646-7730
9-5pm M-F
Languages: English only
Accepts Workers' Comp?: Yes (not IAB rates)

Massachusetts General Hospital
Gary Scott Perlmutter, MD (Shoulder specialist)
1 Hawthorne Place, #105 Boston, MA 02114
617-726-8656
Hours: 7:30 – 2:30 pm, Wed
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Accepts Workers' Comp?: Yes

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175 Cambridge St. Boston, MA 02114
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Accepts Workers' Comp?: Yes

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Interpretative services available
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Your Rights if You are Injured or Become Sick From Your Job

If you are injured or become sick from your job, you have a right to medical treatment and, in some cases, wage replacement benefits. Workers' Compensation is a type of insurance that all employers are required to provide to employees - no matter how many hours they work, whether they were paid in cash, or their immigration status. MassCOSH recommends taking the following steps:

1. Report the injury to your employer.

Tell your employer right away, even if it does not seem serious at the time.

2. Get medical treatment right away - see an occupational clinician, if possible.

You have the right to see the doctor of your own choosing, even if your employer requires you to see their own medical provider. Ask your doctor to use Workers' Compensation, not your regular medical insurance.

3. Document the problem.

Document everything: Report the incident to your employer in writing and keep a copy.

4. Seek an attorney, if the workers' compensation provider rejects your claim.

You do not have to get a lawyer to receive Workers' Compensation benefits. If you have trouble getting benefits, get a lawyer to help you. Workers do not pay attorneys' fees; the insurer does, if you win the case. You may only be charged for very specific expenses.

5. Know your right to protection against discrimination and right to medical leave, if applicable.

It is against the law for your employer to fire or discriminate against you because you got hurt or filed a Workers' Comp claim.

6. Address the unsafe conditions that caused your injury.

In order to avoid worsening your injury or re-injuring yourself - not to mention your co-workers - take steps to improve the health and safety of your workplace.

Some Disfigured Employees Not Compensated for Scarring in Massachusetts

"Basically, there was a lot of effort to cut benefits and put the burden of proof on the workers to prove they needed workers' comp," said Marcy Goldstein-Gelb, executive director of the Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (MassCOSH.) "If you're a low wage worker, you desperately need all your earnings and given that you suffered from working in unsafe conditions, you're further penalized by not getting all your wages."

Company 'willfully ignored' safety standards in worker's death

"We know there are employers out there doing this cost-benefit analysis," Goldstein-Gelb said. "If you're having an employee do life-threatening work, risking being killed, to not ensure that essential life-saving measures are in place is effectively negligent. And it is reckless and unconscionable."



NewsCenter 5

Walmart settles suit over Walpole worker's death

Walmart has settled a multimillion-dollar suit that sought to hold the company accountable for a construction worker's death during renovations at its Walpole store. ...Goldstein-Gelb called the Santos case an important step in making sure that corporate clients are held responsible for the safety of their work sites.

The Enterprise

Snow is stressing region's roofs

Falls from roofs have killed two people in Canton over the past week, and hospitalized one person in Avon and another in Burlington, according to the Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health. "Behind each one of these worker deaths is a devastated family," MassCOSH executive director Marcy Goldstein-Gelb said.

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