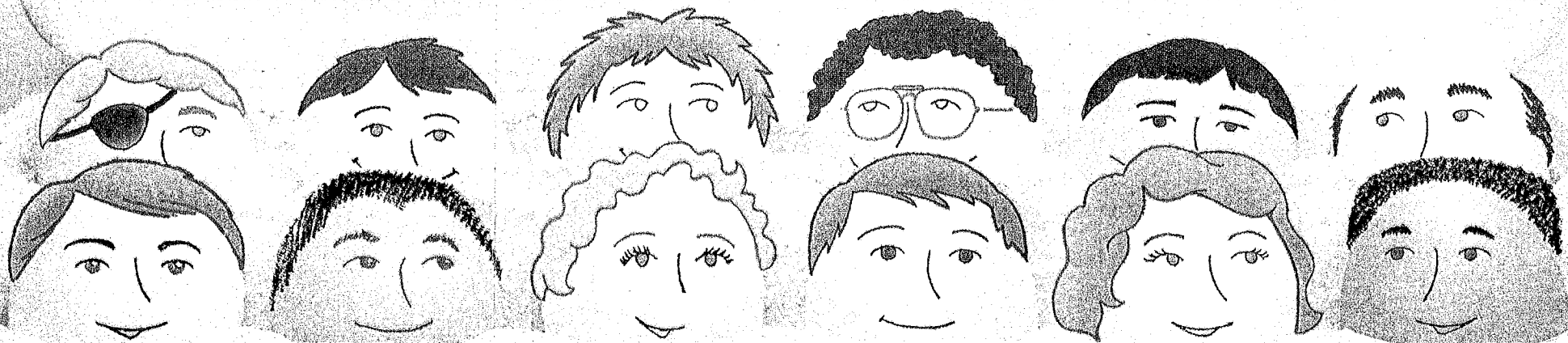


STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION

## We're protected by **WORKER'S COMPENSATION**

Follow safety rules and *you'll* be protected from injury. But if you *are* injured at work, you're protected by benefits.

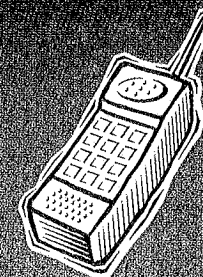


- You don't need a lawyer to get benefits.
- You won't get in trouble for reporting an injury or making a truthful claim.

**Report injuries to your supervisor immediately.**

- Your supervisor will help you start your claim.
- Don't make a Workers Compensation claim unless it's legitimate. You risk jail, a fine or job loss.

Call the Fraud Hotline if you know about a false claim, (608) 261-8486. Or you can reach us on the World Wide Web at <http://www.dwd.wisconsin.gov/wc>. Save everyone the added insurance costs and a possible reduction in wage increases. Fraud hurts us all.



**FRAUD HOTLINE**

**(608) 261-8486**

# Prevent the Abuse of Worker's Compensation Claims

## We Help Employers Fight Fraud

If you suspect a claim is fraudulent, or that it abuses the system, work with your insurance carrier to prepare evidence of the alleged fraud. Then report the case to:

Worker's Compensation Fraud Unit  
201 E. Washington Avenue  
P.O. Box 7901  
Madison, WI 53707-7901

**For quick help, call the  
Fraud Hotline: (608) 261-8486**

## What We Can Do to Help

The Worker's Compensation Division is authorized by Wisconsin Statute 102.125 to work with employers and insurers to report, investigate, and prosecute allegations of worker's compensation fraud. Here's what we do:

- Work with you and your insurance carrier to determine if there is enough evidence to take the case to court.
- Refer the case to the local District Attorney's Office for prosecution if there is sufficient evidence of fraud. Cooperation from the Justice Department and District Attorneys has been excellent.

## PROVE IT!

Conviction of a fraudulent claim requires proof beyond a reasonable doubt of an intentional misrepresentation to secure benefits. Only the best-documented cases succeed.

## Prevention Is the Best Defense

A well-designed loss control program and the serious threat of legal action are very effective deterrents to abusive claims.

## Fraud Prevention Tips

1. Develop a first-class safety program. Claims are less likely to mushroom if injuries are prevented and employees feel that management is genuinely concerned about their safety. You can do that by establishing and practicing clear and comprehensive safety policies.
2. Establish strong accident investigation procedures. Injured employees and witnesses should be interviewed in person about the accident as soon as possible. Document all statements. Get a signed statement from the claimant.
3. Send the Supervisor with the injured worker to the medical provider. Show concern for getting first-class medical evaluations and treatments.

4. Establish procedures for a clear understanding of essential information. Make sure the treating physician understands the nature of the job. Make sure the supervisor understands return-to-work limitations.

5. Make sure employees understand that false claims can be punished by termination and criminal prosecution.

**NOTE:** Please use the poster on the reverse side to inform employees about worker's compensation fraud.

