

SAFE HARBOR

A monthly newsletter for the Maritime worker from
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Thank you for your maritime service and taking the time to review our Newsletter. We at the Law Offices of Lyle C. Cavin, Jr. hope you find the following information helpful. If you have any questions regarding your rights or remedies please contact us at any time. We are here to serve you.

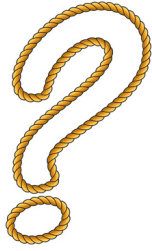


MAKE SURE YOU REPORT ALL INJURIES!



It goes without saying that if you sustain an injury aboard ship, or even ashore, while in the service of the vessel, you must report it to protect your interests. Indeed, most companies require that injuries be reported promptly so they can investigate and protect their own company interests. What must also be kept in mind is to fully report any injury or illness that is suspected to have occurred. Do not overlook any problem you believe is related, directly or indirectly, to your shipboard service. A delayed report of injury provides ammunition for the ship-owner to later contest such a claim. Better to be "safe than sorry"!

QUESTION FROM THE BRIDGE



I injured my back pulling on a mooring line and believe I also injured my knee but did not report the knee problem while I was still on the ship. Now, because I had a prior knee injury to the same knee several years ago, the ship-owner is denying responsibility for my knee which now requires surgery. What can be done?

Darren, B, Norfolk, VA.

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The amount of time between date of the injury and the time that the knee is first mentioned in the medical records will probably determine the outcome. If there is a lengthy period in between the incident and the first mention of knee problems it could be more difficult. However, if the mechanics of the injury are such that one might expect a knee injury, it will be easier to prevail. Overall, maritime law favors "providing a remedy rather than withholding it to the seaman." In the future, if you suspect an injury, report it while still on the vessel and be sure to tell your treating doctor immediately.

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