

SAFE HARBOR

A monthly newsletter for the Maritime worker from
The Law Offices of Lyle C. Cavin, Jr.

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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 SEE THE RIGHT DOCTOR!



Generally speaking, when you fall ill or are injured in the course of your work you are entitled to go to a physician of your choice. This can be somewhat limited by an arrangement with the shipowner and your union. However, most companies permit a free choice of medical practitioners so long as it is reasonable. This is especially true when a provider is not located close to your domicile. Your selection should be appropriate for the nature of your injury or illness. Employers sometimes wish to refer the worker to a physician of their choice. Be cautious if this occurs. Generally speaking, such a practitioner may not have the patient's best interests in mind.

QUESTION FROM THE BRIDGE



I just returned from sea and am looking for a qualified orthopedic surgeon for my injury. The shipowner is attempting to have me see their chosen doctor. Am I required to go to that doctor?

Eddie, C., Baton Rouge

Answer:

Dear Eddie,

No. This doctor may or may not be the best choice for your injury. Usually, such selected doctors know that the shipowner, who is paying them, wants you back to work as soon as possible to minimize benefits to which you are entitled. Be careful and check out the doctor's background, especially if he has a track record with this company.

TEMPORARY ADDRESS CHANGE

We have relocated to San Francisco while our new Oakland space undergoes renovation from fire damage. We have offices on both sides of the Bay to serve you! Look for our Oakland opening sometime in late spring. In the meantime, please contact us at

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For more than four decades, merchant mariners, longshoremen, fishermen and harbor workers plying their trades at sea, on the docks, on our U.S. coastal waters and inland waterways have turned to the maritime law firm of Lyle C. Cavin, Jr. & Associates in Oakland. Today, we are proud to be recognized as one of the preeminent maritime law firms serving injured marine workers nationwide, as well as one of the most successful personal injury litigation firms serving victims of negligence in the San Francisco Bay Area and throughout the West Coast.

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