

# 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.



## BE CAREFUL WHEN FILLING OUT PRE-SIGN ON DOCUMENTS!



When you are completing pre-sign on documents, avoid the tendency to rush through them. This is especially true with the pre-sign on physical/medical form. Even if you have received treatment that is minor, you should still mention it or it can come back to haunt you later. In the event you are injured, shipping companies and their investigators will dig through these documents looking for any inaccuracies or unreported conditions to make you appear dishonest. They will exploit any advantage they can find, so be cautious!

## QUESTION FROM THE BRIDGE



*I hurt my back at work a few months ago but the shipping company is refusing to pay maintenance, saying that I was injured before I got on the ship and failed to report it on my pre-sign on physical form. I did see a chiropractor for an adjustment to my back a month before I got on the ship but it wasn't serious and went away. What should I do?*

*Brian P. in Oakland*

***Answer:***

Dear Brian,

You should inform them the adjustment was minor and solved the problem. Explain that since you were fine afterwards you did not think you needed to mention it on the form. You should also inform them that the pain in your back from the injury is new and completely different than what you experienced before. It's an uphill battle, you should hire an experienced maritime attorney immediately.

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