

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 THOROUGH IN DESCRIBING YOUR INJURY



Last month we addressed the subject of proper and timely accident reporting when injured aboard ship. What is equally important is completing any forms which call for a description of your injury. This description should err on the side of detail as opposed to brevity. It is easy to simply set forth the most obvious injury you may have sustained and omit other parts of your body that may have been effected. This may later result in the shipowner questioning the claim you bring regarding areas of your body that were not mentioned while aboard ship, or if injured ashore, in the first report of injury. Always be thorough in your listing of the body parts injured!

QUESTION FROM THE BRIDGE



I was injured last year on the ship and injured my knee when I fell down. Although my back was a bit sore I did not report that problem as it seemed to improve before I left the ship. Now my knee has improved but my back problem has returned. The shipowner is denying responsibility for the problem and any treatment. Otis, B. Mobile

Answer: Otis, this happens a lot unfortunately. The best approach is to have your doctor relate the two injuries and state that the back symptoms arose from the knee problem. In the future anytime you report an injury be sure to list every problem you are experiencing even if they seem trivial at the time you report them.

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