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Wage Continuation Plans: What Are the Risks?

Several railroads have instituted wage continuation plans to provide income to employees who are unable to work because of injuries. Wage continuation plans may provide income for your immediate needs, but to provide for your future needs you also should seek legal advice at the time of your injury.

Why seek legal advice?

The railroad would much rather deal with an employee who is not getting the proper legal advice.

The railroad will suggest to you that an attorney will not want to represent you if you are on wage continuation. That is false! Our firm has always provided legal advice to any injured employee, and we do not require a signed contract from you first!

Many railroads will allow you to be represented by an attorney and still accept wage continuation.

Don't wait until the railroad cuts off your

wage continuation to call us for advice. You should always consult with an attorney before giving a statement to the claim agent regarding your accident.

You must protect your interests by having your attorney and his or her investigator properly investigate your accident.

Consult with an attorney before the unsafe working conditions are altered or repaired and the memories of your witnesses fade. Remember that while you are at home recovering from your injuries and collecting wage continuation pay, the claim agent is busy investigating your case to build a "defense" to your claim. Our firm has a staff of investigators to ensure that your claim is investigated quickly and properly to protect your rights.

Seek legal advice at the time of your accident.

Our law firm will provide you with names of physicians who will be concerned with your health-- not the best interest of the railroad. Call your attorney early. If you wait it could be too late!