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I thought you might want to know:

Airline Passenger Can Seek Emotional Distress Damages For Needle Prick



A passenger could try to hold an airline accountable for emotional distress she suffered after getting pricked by a hypodermic needle while reaching into a seatback pocket, a federal court of appeals recently decided.

The woman was traveling on Eftihad Airways from Abu Dhabi, Saudi Arabia to Chicago. She spent much of the 14-hour flight with the tray table in her lap because the knob holding it in place had fallen off.

At some point, she reached into the seatback pocket to retrieve the knob, which she had placed in the pocket when she took it off the floor, and was unexpectedly jabbed by a hypodermic needle that someone left behind.

The prick drew blood, but the airline offered no medical attention beyond an antiseptic wipe, a Band-Aid and the advice to see a doctor when she got home. Her family physician later prescribed medication for possible hepatitis, tetanus and HIV exposure.

Several rounds of tests came up negative, but the passenger said she had suffered severe mental anguish from the incident and sued Eftihad. A federal judge threw out her claim, ruling that under the Montreal Convention, she was only entitled to damages that stemmed directly from a bodily injury on the flight and that her emotional harm wasn't caused by the actual physical wound.

But the 6th Circuit reversed the lower court on appeal, deciding that under the Montreal Convention emotional distress damages are available as long as they can be traced back to the accident. This is different than how other courts have ruled in the past, and courts in other parts of the country might rule differently.

If you're suffering psychological trauma from an accident that happened on a flight, consult with a lawyer to discuss your options.

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Under the workers' comp law of Florida, you are entitled to compensation when an injury occurs while on the job. Workplace accidents can take a variety of forms and do not necessarily have to be the fault of your employer to gain coverage. Accidents, regardless of who is at fault, are covered by the workers' compensation program and a workers' compensation lawyer can help you process your claim with the correct parties.

A workers' compensation lawyer can ensure you receive the maximum compensation for your injuries and help you move forward with denied claims. The process of obtaining benefits under the workers' compensation program can be challenging to understand, but when you work with an attorney, they can advise you on what your legal rights are under the law.

Attorney John Fagan can assist you with your claims and help you understand the law as it relates to your injuries. He can calculate your total compensation and make sure you have the necessary proof to show the severity as well as the long-term effects of your workplace injury.

How Does Workers' Comp in Florida Work?

Accidents can happen even when you are at work. Sometimes these accidents result in injury and cause you to be unable to perform your job duties.



Getting hurt at work can turn your life upside down. You may be in pain and wonder how you are ever going to pay your medical bills. Being injured can also mean that you are unable to work, leaving you without any income to pay your mortgage or household bills.

In Florida, Workers' Comp is designed to help cover these expenses and make sure compensation is received for your injuries. Your employer is responsible for paying into workers' comp in Florida and will provide you coverage through its insurance company as well as the state's Division of Workers' Compensation.

After being injured on the job, you need to notify your employer that you are hurt and need to file a workers' comp claim. You only have 30 days from the date of the accident to report everything to your employer, so it is imperative that you let them know as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, if you decide to wait and the 30-day timeframe has expired, you will not receive any benefits. Once you have reported your injuries to your employer, you have up to two years to file for workers' comp benefits.

Oreo Truffles



Ingredients

- 1 (16 ounce) package OREO Chocolate Sandwich Cookies
- 1 (8 ounce) package PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened
- 2 (8 ounce) packages BAKER'S Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate, melted

Instructions

- Crush cookies to fine crumbs.
- Set aside ½ cup of cookie crumbs to sprinkle on later.
- Place the remaining cookies crumbs in medium bowl.
- Add cream cheese; mix until well blended.
- Roll cookie mixture into 42 balls, about 1-inch in diameter.
- Dip balls in chocolate; place on wax paper-covered baking sheet.
- Sprinkle with reserved cookie crumbs.
- Refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour. Store leftover truffles, covered, in refrigerator.