



TEAMSTERS CANADA RAIL CONFERENCE DIVISION 320



LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

FOR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE

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Subject: Injuries or illnesses.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Over the years many of our members have been injured, off duty or on, or have been off work due to an illness. Some make it through the “system” of Weekly Indemnity Benefits (WIB), Employment Insurance (EI), or WorkSafeBC (WCB), CP Rail Occupational Health Services (OHS) with little or no problems at all; while others have difficulties with these claims.

One the main reasons we are finding difficulties with claims, is the requirement to seek medical attention as soon as possible. **Seeing a doctor, and getting your illness or injury documented right away can make all the difference regarding your claim.**

Please do not wait to see a doctor. If your family physician is away, or too busy, you may need to go to a walk in clinic to get things documented until you can see your own physician.

Both WIB and WCB claims will likely be denied without proper medical evidence, or at least deny benefits prior to first being attended by a physician.

Any questions on benefits, rights and obligations should be directed to your Local Chairman, or the Legislative Representative.

In Solidarity,

Gerry Ranson
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