Reporting Fraud

Contact Information

Here are three ways to report fraud and help put money back in your pocket:

- 1. Submit a fraud report online. Go to www.tdi.state.tx.us/fraud and click on Report Fraud.
- 2. Call the toll free fraud hotline 1-888-327-8818
- 3. Download a form and instructions from the TDI website.

Print and send it to: Texas Department of Insurance Fraud Unit P.O. Box 149336 Mail Code 109-3A Austin, TX 78714-9336 or e-mail the form to FraudReport@tdi.state.tx.us **Website:** www.tdi.state.tx.us/fraud

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WORKERS' COMPENSATION



has many faces... Do you know one of them?

Toll free fraud hotline 1-888-327-8818 You may remain anonymous

Texas Department of Insurance

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TDI is dedicated to eliminating workers' compensation fraud in Texas

Fraud in Texas costs the Texas workers' compensation system millions of dollars each year. Employers, workers, insurance carriers, and Texas consumers pay for fraud in lost jobs and profits, lower wages and benefits, and higher costs for products, services and insurance premiums.

Common Fraud Indicators*

Employer Fraud:

- Classifying high-risk workers as low risk
- Misrepresenting payroll
- Frequent addition and cancellation of coverage

Worker Fraud:

- Injuries occur without witnesses
- Injuries occurring late Friday or early Monday
- Injuries not reported until a week or more after they occur

Attorney/Health Care Provider Fraud:

- Filing unnecessary or false bills
- Billing for an unreasonable number of hours worked per day
- Billing for a more expensive service than the one provided

Insurance Carrier Fraud:

• An insurance carrier intentionally falsifying documents in order to deprive benefits

If we prove fraud, we can pursue criminal or administrative action

Criminal. If an investigation establishes criminal fraud, state or federal prosecutors may begin prosecution. This could result in fines, restitution, community service and/or jail time.

Administrative. The

Department may prosecute fraud through the administrative violation process by assessing fines up to \$25,000 and ordering restitution as authorized by the Texas Workers' Compensation Act and the Texas Insurance Code.

*Even the presence of several indicators, while suggestive of possible fraud, does not mean that fraud is being committed.

"By signing this executive order I am sending a clear message to those defrauding the state, its businesses or its taxpayers: We're coming after you."

> - Governor Rick Perry Signing Executive Order RP36 July 2004