

Laurinda Lee's Injured Worker Horror Story

“I was once a very active adult. Since my injury, I find myself very depressed, unable to do the activities I once loved.”



About Me: My name is Laurinda Lee. I am 42 years old. I live in Vacaville.

My Family: I am married to Terence. We have been married for 20 years and we have two wonderful god children.

My Job and What Happened: I worked as an Emergency Room site coordinator. On July 23, 2007, as I was getting ready to leave for the day, I lost my balance and fell. I layed there for about 45 minutes before I was able to pull myself up off of the floor. I had extreme pain in my right leg and was afraid to put any weight on it. I took a few days off work to stay off of my leg, hoping that I would be able to return to work. The doctor I saw said it was just a bad sprain, to elevete, ice and stay off of it. He released me to return to work with limitations of staying off of it. My work was unable to accommodate the limitations. The swelling was not going down, and the pain was not going away. The doctor refused to do an MRI. I changed doctors, had an MRI and found that I had a torn ligament. Thirteen months after my injury, I finally had surgery. Now my left leg is bothering me from over compensation.

What this has meant to my life: I've lost my income. I have had constant pain with my back since I fell. I have headaches. I have to sleep sitting up. The pain is still constant. I cannot pay my bills. I did not receive any income for a year. I can no longer ride my bike and enjoy activities with my husband like we used to. I worry about the pain medicine becoming habit forming.

How the Governor's Workers' Comp Law Affects Me

How Workers' Comp was supposed to help me: Workers compensation insurance was supposed to provide medical care to heal my injuries. Needed care has been denied and delayed making my injuries worse not better. This vicious cycle of California Workers Comp has made me very depressed. It has not helped at all.

www.VotersInjuredatWork.org

For more information, please contact Steve Hopcraft at 916/457-5546 or email to steve@hopcraft.com