



[Construction of Shasta Dam]

Report Workers' Compensation Fraud To:

Shasta County District Attorney

Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud

1355 West Street

Redding, CA. 96001

(530)245-6300

and/or

California Department of Insurance

Fraud Division

2400 Del Paso Road, Suite 250

Sacramento, CA. 95834

800-927-4357 (HELP)

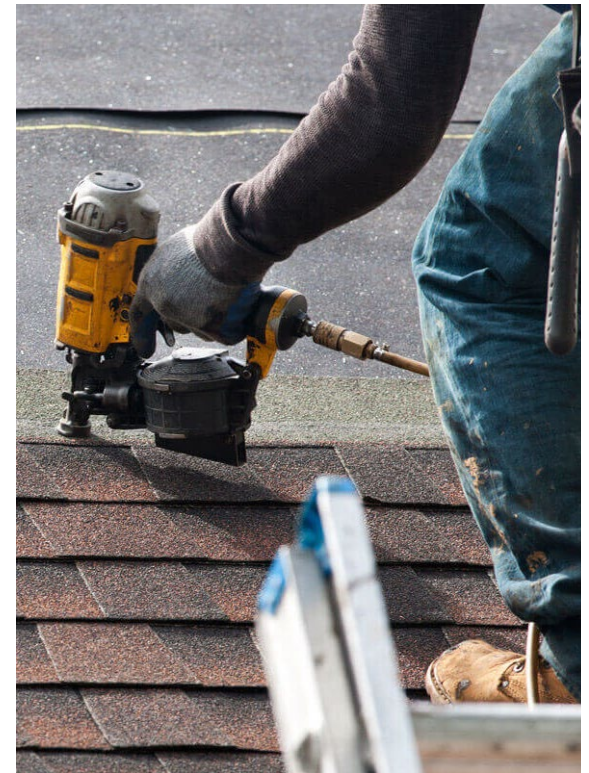
Fraud@insurance.ca.gov

Please understand that fraud investigations are confidential and often complex, therefore may take months or years to complete.

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Insurance Fraud*

Overview

Workers' compensation insurance fraud is a problem that comes in many forms. Victims of workers' compensation fraud can include insurance companies, government run organizations, businesses or employees. The cost of workers' compensation insurance fraud is ultimately passed on to consumers, with estimated costs to consumers to be \$15 billion annually in California alone. While some states do not pursue workers' compensation insurance fraud at all, California sets aside specific funding to combat this problem. The Shasta County District Attorney's Office takes these crimes very seriously and seeks to investigate and prosecute all such related crimes.



What We Do

The Shasta County District Attorney's Office maintains a Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Division, which is responsible for investigating and filing criminal charges relating to all forms of workers' compensation insurance fraud. Our office works closely with the California Department of Insurance, as well as the California Contractors State License Board, in pursuit of employees, employers, businesses, and medical providers who may be committing such crimes.

Types of Workers' Compensation Fraud Can Include

Claimant Fraud

Employees who lie to get workers' compensation insurance benefits.

- Reporting a false injury
- Stating an injury occurred at work when it did not
- Overstating the extent of injuries
- Lying about working while receiving benefits

Felony - Punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$150,000 fine

Dissuading an Injured Worker

Employers/insurance carriers deny workers' compensation benefits to injured workers.

- Employers persuading injured workers to accept cash in exchange for not filing a workers' compensation claim
- Employers paying for injured workers' medical services without telling insurance carrier
- Persuading an injured worker to lie about the origin of an injury to a medical provider

Felony - Punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$150,000 fine



Premium Fraud

Employers lie to reduce workers' compensation premiums.

- Paying workers in cash and not reporting payroll accurately
- Not reporting injuries to workers' compensation carrier
- Misstating the company's employee job description
- Company claims all employees are independent contractors when they are not

Felony - punishable by up to five years in prison and \$50,000 fine

Uninsured Employer Fraud

Employers operating a business without workers' compensation insurance.

- Business with one or more employees that does not obtain workers' compensation insurance

Misdemeanor - punishable by up to one year in jail and a minimum \$10,000 fine

Provider Fraud

False billing by anyone who provides services or products in relation to a workers' compensation claim.

- Healthcare provider billing for services not rendered
- Misrepresenting the nature of the medical services, procedures or supplies
- Paying kickbacks for recruiting/referring patients to doctors, chiropractors or lawyers

Felony - punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$50,000 fine