

NOTICE OF ACCIDENT TO EMPLOYER AND CLAIM OF EMPLOYEE, REPRESENTATIVE, OR DEPENDENT (G.S. §§97-22 THROUGH 24)

IC File # _____

Emp. Code # _____

Carrier Code # _____

Employer FEIN _____

The I.C. File # is the unique identifier for this injury. It will be provided by return letter and is to be referenced in all future correspondence.

The Use Of This Form Is Required Under The Provisions of The Workers' Compensation Act

Employee's Name, Address, Telephone Number, Insurance Carrier, Policy Number, Social Security Number, Date of Birth, etc.

EMPLOYEE - This form must be filed with the Industrial Commission within two years of the date of injury or occupational disease or your claim may be barred. Notice shall be given to the employer immediately after the accident or as soon as practicable and within 30 days.

Notice is hereby given, as required by law, that the above-named employee sustained an injury or contracted an occupational disease, described as follows: _____ on ____/____/____ at _____. Describe the injury or occupational disease, including the specific body part involved (e.g., right hand, left hand) _____ Describe how the injury or occupational disease occurred: _____

Occupation when injured: _____ Nature of employer's business: _____ Number of days out of work due to injury: _____ Medical treatment received? [] Yes [] No Weekly wage: \$ _____ Number of hours worked per day: _____ Days worked per week: _____

NOTE: If employee is unable to sign this form, another may sign for him. This form should be typed or printed by hand in black ink, if possible. Employee should retain one signed copy of this notice, mail one signed copy to the Industrial Commission at the address below, and provide one signed copy to employer.

Signature of (Check One) [] Employee, [] Attorney, [] Representative, or [] Dependent Telephone Number _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Date Completed _____

EMPLOYER: This notice is being sent to you in compliance with requirements of the North Carolina Workers' Compensation Act, in order that the medical services prescribed by the Act may be obtained; and, if disability extends beyond 7 days duration, or if death ensues, compensation may be paid according to law.

FOR IC USE ONLY RESEARCHER: _____ CC: _____ EC: _____ DATA ENTRY: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE FORM 18

1. What does a Form 18 do?

A Form 18 establishes a legal claim of injury on your behalf if filed within two years of the date of injury or occupational disease, and gives the required written notice to the employer if a copy is submitted to the employer within 30 days of the injury. The employer is required by law to file a Form 19 if the employee misses more than one day of work due to the injury or if the medical bills exceed \$2,000.00. However, the employer's filing of a Form 19 does not satisfy the employee's obligation to file a claim. In order to ensure the employee's rights are protected, the employee must file a Form 18 even though the employer may be paying compensation or the Industrial Commission may have opened a file for the injury.

2. To whom should the Form 18 be sent?

The original Form 18 should be submitted to the Industrial Commission. The injured worker should keep one copy for his or her records and one copy should be submitted to the employer at the time of the injury.

3. What numbers do I write in the upper right corner?

You do not need to fill in the spaces on the upper right corner of the Form 18. If you know that your employer has already filed a report of injury, (Form 19) and you know what your I.C. (Industrial Commission), File Number is, you may write the number in the "I.C. File No." space. If you do not already have an I.C. File Number, the Industrial Commission will assign one upon receipt of the Form 18. The other three spaces, "Emp. Code No.," "Carrier Code No.," and "Employer FEIN" are for internal use only.

4. What if I do not know who my employer's insurance carrier is?

If you do not know who the employer's insurance carrier is you may either ask your employer for the information, call the Industrial Commission's Claims Administration Section at (800) 688-8349 then press "1" after the prompt, or simply leave the line blank.

5. When listing the number of days out of work, do I count partial days?

Yes, you include partial as well as whole calendar days not worked. However, the days do not need to be consecutive.

6. What happens after I file the Form 18?

The Industrial Commission will mail an acknowledgement letter to you after your Form 18 is processed. Processing time varies according to current workload. The Industrial Commission will mail a copy of the acknowledgement letter to the employer or its workers' compensation insurance carrier asking them to contact you and inform you if compensation will be paid to you voluntarily.