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IN CASE OF ON-THE-JOB INJURY

1. Immediately report your injury to your co-workers, union officers and the railroad. Take photographs if possible.
2. File the required company injury report. Note the fault of the company; i.e., defects in tools, equipment (switches/handbrakes, etc.), unsafe working conditions, unsafe ground conditions and/or unsafe job procedures. Keep a copy of report for your file.
3. **DO NOT** give the claim agent any written or oral statement about your accident or injury without calling us or consulting your union representative. **DO NOT** sign medical records authorizations/releases.
4. Consult your doctor for treatment.
5. Apply for all your benefits. Contact us for assistance.
6. Get free advice by calling 1-800-328-4340 for a union lawyer to help you.

ATTENTION MEDICAL CARE PROVIDER:

A railroad employee is **not** covered by the workers' compensation laws of any state. Instead he/she falls under a special federal law, Federal Employers' Liability Act (FELA) 45 U.S.C. §§51-60, governing on-the-job injuries of railroad employees.

The law does not permit the railroad to have conversations with medical providers or to receive medical records without written authorization by the patient. **It is not necessary for the railroad to approve treatment.** The employee may need a note stating appropriate restrictions. **No information should be sent to the railroad nor should any conversations be had with any railroad official without the employee's specific authorization.**

Please protect the doctor-patient confidentiality.

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