

NEW AND IMPROVED DISABILITY RATES



Effective February 1, 2006, the State Legislature has increased the number of weeks allowable for accidental work injuries: The following is a list of total loss for each specific member.

Thumb - 70 weeks if the accident occurred before February 1, 2006; 76 weeks if the accident occurs after February 1, 2006.

First or index finger - 40 weeks if the accident occurred before February 1, 2006; 43 weeks if the accident occurs after February 1, 2006.

Second or middle finger - 35 weeks if the accident occurred before February 1, 2006; 38 weeks if the accident occurs after February 1, 2006.

Third or ring finger - 25 weeks if the accident occurred before February 1, 2006; 27 weeks if the accident occurs after February 1, 2006.

Fourth or little finger - 20 weeks if the accident occurred before February 1, 2006; 22 weeks if the accident occurs after February 1, 2006.

Great toe - 35 weeks if the accident occurred before February 1, 2006; 38 weeks if the accident occurs after February 1, 2006.

Each toe other than the big toe is 12 weeks if the accident occurred before February 1, 2006; 13 weeks if the accident occurs after February 1, 2006.

Hand - 190 weeks if the accident occurred before February 1, 2006; 205 weeks if the accident occurs after February 1, 2006.

Arm - 235 weeks if the accident occurred before February 1, 2006; 253 weeks if the accident occurs after February 1, 2006.

Foot - 155 weeks if the accident occurred before February 1, 2006; 167 if the accident occurs after February 1, 2006.

Leg - 200 weeks if the accident occurred before February 1, 2006; 215 weeks if the accident occurs after February 1, 2006.

Eye - 150 weeks if the accident occurred before February 1, 2006; 162 weeks if the accident occurs after February 1, 2006.

Loss of hearing in one ear - 50 weeks if the accident occurred before February 1, 2006; 54 weeks if the accident occurs after February 1, 2006.

Testicle - 50 weeks if the accident occurred before February 1, 2006; 54 weeks if the accident occurs after February 1, 2006.

Both testicles -150 weeks if the accident occurred before February 1, 2006; 162 weeks if the accident occurs after February 1, 2006.

Disfigurement:

Any serious and permanent disfigurement to the hand, head, face, neck, arm, leg, below the knee, or chest above the axillary line 150 weeks; 162 weeks (an award for disfigurement cannot be made more or less than six months after the date of injury).

If you are injured at work, call David N. Rechenberg right away so he can protect your rights before it is too late!

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