



Workers' Compensation Lawyer Coalition Publishes FECA Guidance

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Workers' Compensation Lawyer Coalition has published guidance addressing the federal workers' compensation system that governs injury claims for United States Postal Service employees in the Atlanta metropolitan area. The guidance explains that USPS letter carriers, mail sorters, postal clerks, and vehicle operators at Atlanta's processing and distribution facilities are covered under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA), administered by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), rather than Georgia's State Board of Workers' Compensation system. According to OWCP guidance, FECA is the exclusive workers' compensation remedy for federal civilian employees, meaning postal workers pursue benefits through the federal claims process rather than the state system.

The guidance addresses filing procedures that differ from Georgia's SBWC framework. Under Department of Labor regulations, a federal employee reporting a traumatic injury generally files Form CA-1, while an employee reporting an occupational disease, including repetitive motion conditions, generally files Form CA-2. The Department of Labor advises that filing Form CA-1 promptly, generally within 30 days of injury, supports eligibility for continuation of pay, under which a postal employer may continue the injured worker's regular pay for up to 45 days. The coalition notes that workers who file a claim through the state system

rather than OWCP may face delays and additional steps in establishing their federal claim, and it encourages postal workers to confirm the correct filing channel with OWCP or a qualified representative.

The guidance identifies dog bite exposure as a documented occupational hazard for letter carriers. The U.S. Postal Service reported more than 5,400 dog attacks on postal workers nationally in 2023, according to figures released by the agency. Atlanta-area carriers operating in residential neighborhoods throughout Fulton, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Cobb, and Clayton counties encounter this hazard on delivery routes.

"The filing channel a postal worker chooses at the outset can shape the entire course of a claim," said a spokesperson for Workers' Compensation Lawyer Coalition. "USPS injuries fall under FECA and OWCP, not Georgia's state system, and the two processes involve different forms, deadlines, and medical authorization steps. The continuation of pay provision matters because it can keep income flowing during the early weeks of medical leave, which is why understanding the CA-1 process early is important for federal workers."

The guidance also addresses repetitive motion conditions, which the Department of Labor recognizes as occupational diseases when supported by medical evidence. Conditions such as carpal tunnel syndrome associated with mail sorting, shoulder strain associated with bag carrying, and lower back conditions associated with vehicle operation are pursued through the CA-2 process, which requires medical documentation connecting the condition to work activity before OWCP authorizes benefits. Additional information for postal workers is available through the coalition's resource for an Atlanta USPS workers' compensation lawyer.

Postal vehicle accidents are also addressed as FECA-covered workplace injuries. When an Atlanta letter carrier is injured while operating a postal vehicle on a route, the claim proceeds through OWCP. The guidance notes that when another driver is at fault, a worker may have both a FECA claim and a separate third-party personal injury claim, subject to federal reimbursement rules. The guidance further explains OWCP's schedule award provision, which compensates workers for permanent impairment of specific body parts under federal rates, and notes that schedule award determinations rely on medical documentation of functional loss. A USPS workers' compensation lawyer within the coalition network practices before OWCP.

Workers' Compensation Lawyer Coalition is a network of workers' compensation law firms representing injured USPS postal workers, federal employees, healthcare workers, airport workers, and construction workers throughout Atlanta, Fulton County, and statewide Georgia. The coalition handles FECA and OWCP federal workers' compensation claims, USPS dog bite injuries, repetitive motion occupational disease, postal

vehicle accidents, schedule award disputes, and Georgia SBWC claims.

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