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The RI workers' compensation system is a form of no-fault insurance designed to provide assistance to injured employees for medical expenses and lost wages. It applies to businesses with one or more employees, unless otherwise exempt by law.

TDI Benefits

- **When should I apply for workers' compensation benefits, and when should I apply for TDI benefits?**

If the injury or illness is a result of your job or work environment, you must notify your employer immediately; and a workers' compensation claim will be filed by your employer with the RI Department of Labor and Training and your employer's insurance company. If you have questions, Call (401) 462-8100.

However, if you receive an injury or illness that is not job-related and a doctor's examination shows that you cannot work for at least seven consecutive days, you should apply for Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI) benefits as soon as possible.

You may not receive Temporary Disability Insurance for any period in which you receive workers' compensation benefits.

- **How do I apply for TDI benefits?**

Application forms for TDI benefits are

available by calling TDI's main number at (401) 462-8420. Select option one from the menu for an application. You will be asked to provide your:

- Name
- Address
- Social Security Number
- Phone Number
- Date you were first unable to work due to Illness/Injury

A TDI application will be mailed to you the next business day. You can also download an application by going on-line to www.dlt.state.ri.us

- **What if I have filed for workers' compensation, but my employer is contesting it?**

If you have filed a workers' compensation claim with your employer and the claim is being contested, you can apply for and may be eligible for TDI payments pending a Workers' Compensation Court decision.

To request a hearing at the Workers' Compensation Court about your workers' compensation claim, you or your lawyer must file a Petition for Pre-Trial Conference at the Workers' Compensation Court at the Garrahy Judicial Complex, One Dorrance Plaza, Providence.

The fee for filing this petition is \$20. Although you can file the request yourself, it is in your best interest to have legal representation at the hearing.

When filing the petition, obtain the court

case number from the court clerk, and notify TDI at (401) 462-8350 of the case number. TDI will then begin to review your eligibility and notify you if you are entitled to TDI benefits.

- **What is the John E. Donley Center?**

The Dr. John E. Donley Center was created by the RI Legislature as an outpatient rehabilitation center for work-related injuries. The Center provides comprehensive physical therapy, aquatic therapy, work hardening and ergonomic site visits prior to the injured worker returning to his/her job. If there is a question whether your injury is a result of work, you are eligible to be referred for physical therapy while the Workers' Compensation case is being determined. Treatment is only available for work-related injuries as defined by the RI Workers' Compensation Statute. Phone: (401) 243-1200

- **What happens to my TDI benefits once a decision is made about my Workers' Compensation Benefits?**

If the decision by the Workers' Compensation Court Judge is to award you workers' compensation benefits, the insurance company or claims handler will reimburse TDI for any payments made to you. If you receive workers' compensation payments for any weeks in which you received TDI, you must inform TDI immediately so that any necessary adjustments can be made.

If the judge denies your Workers' Compensation Claim, then TDI payments, if they were granted to you, will continue for as long as you are eligible.

For more information about this or other workers' compensation topics, please call the...

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