

DO I HAVE A CASE QUIZ KEY

Use this key to see if your quiz answers help or hurt your case and why.



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Helps Your Case

Unsure

Hurts Your Case

Your Accident:

1. How did the accident occur?

Fell overboard

Falling overboard can lead to serious injury or even death. Maritime laws require employers to ensure worker safety, and failing to do so can lead to a strong case for compensation.

Slips, trips, or falls on the vessel

This is a common cause of injury. If unsafe conditions caused your fall, you might have a solid case, as the employer is responsible for maintaining safe working conditions.

Caught in machinery

Injuries caused by machinery are severe. If the equipment was defective or improperly maintained, it strengthens your case for compensation.

Injured by falling cargo

Injuries from falling cargo can be devastating. If proper safety protocols weren't followed, you may have a case for negligence.

Something else

Unsure about your accident details? Contact us to discuss your case further.

2. Was your accident related to the vessel's maintenance or equipment?

Yes

If your injury was caused by faulty maintenance or equipment failure, the shipowner may be liable under maritime law. This strengthens your claim for compensation.

No

If your injury wasn't related to equipment or maintenance, other factors like unsafe work conditions might still lead to a strong case.

3. Did your accident occur in U.S. waters or under U.S. jurisdiction?

Yes

Accidents in U.S. waters are subject to U.S. maritime law, which offers strong protection for injured workers, especially under the Jones Act.

No

If your injury occurred outside of U.S. waters, the laws that apply may differ, but you may still have options. We can help you explore these.

Your Injuries:

4. Were you injured in the accident?

Yes

If yes, see 4a & 4b

I'm not sure

If you're unsure, it's essential to consult a doctor and get a full assessment. Even minor injuries can lead to significant long-term problems.

I have no injuries

Even if you don't feel injured, injuries from maritime accidents can manifest later. It's worth getting a medical checkup to ensure you're fully protected.

4a. Which of the following best describes the injuries sustained? Select all that apply.

Head injury / Concussion

Head injuries from maritime accidents can be serious and require ongoing care. They can significantly affect your ability to work.

Back or Spinal injury

If you're unsure, it's essential to consult a doctor and get a full assessment. Even minor injuries can lead to significant long-term problems.

Burns

Burn injuries, especially from explosions or fire, can cause permanent damage. A case involving burns could lead to substantial compensation.

Internal injuries

Internal injuries, such as organ damage, are often difficult to diagnose but are very serious and can lead to significant claims.

Loss of limbs

Losing a limb is life-altering and will strongly support your case for compensation.

4b. What type of medical care have you received? Select all that apply.

Hospitalization

If you were hospitalized, it shows the seriousness of your injuries and will strengthen your compensation claim

Surgery

Surgical treatment indicates severe injuries, which increase the potential compensation you may be entitled to

Chiropractic care

Chiropractic care indicates ongoing pain or injury, which may support your case.

Pain management

Chiropractic care indicates ongoing pain or injury, which may support your case.

None yet

Even if you haven't received medical care yet, seeking treatment is critical for documenting your injuries and strengthening your case.

Your Claim:

5. Have you missed work due to the injury?

I have been out of work since my injury

Being unable to work due to injury increases the financial impact and strengthens your case for compensation.

I missed 1-2 weeks of work

Missing a week or two of work significantly impacts your income and strengthens your case for compensation.

I missed 1-2 days of work

Missing a few days of work might not have a huge impact, but it's still important to document any time lost due to the injury.

I have not missed any work

If you haven't missed work, you may still be entitled to compensation for pain, suffering, or future work loss.

6. Has the insurance company offered you a settlement?

Yes

If yes, see 6a

No

If the insurance company hasn't made an offer yet, it's a good time to seek legal advice before they make an attempt to settle.

6a. Did you accept the settlement offer from the insurance company?

Yes

Accepting a settlement can limit your options. If you've signed the release, it's likely too late to change the terms.

No

If you haven't accepted the offer, seeking legal advice is crucial to ensure you get the best possible compensation for your injury.



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