

## **THE PARTY STAFF IS COMMITTED TO FIGHTING WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD**

Workers compensation fraud is a crime! Penalties for fraud can include jail time and fines. Fraud includes faking an injury, exaggerating physical disabilities or limitations, claiming a non-work injury is work related, denying the ability to do things one is able to do, or illegally working while obtaining benefits.

Employers and insurers are required by law to report suspected fraud to the local district attorney and California Department of Insurance. **The Party Staff will report all cases of suspected fraud.**

The Los Angeles District Attorney's website emphasizes its commitment to prosecuting these cases:

Workers' compensation fraud poses a huge problem in Los Angeles County. Fraudulent claims have cost the region jobs, chasing companies to other states where they can avoid paying the accelerated costs of workers' compensation insurance. Fraudulent claims have also undermined the integrity of the system, causing unnecessary delays in treating real injuries and casting a shadow over the thousands of legitimate claims that are filed each year.

The District Attorney's **Workers' Compensation Fraud Division** has pursued an aggressive campaign to identify, investigate, and prosecute workers' compensation fraud. This crime – which is committed by doctors, lawyers, employers, insurance company employees and claimants – occurs in both the private and public sectors.

Everyone suffers because of workers' compensation fraud. Tax dollars are wasted, the price of consumer goods increases, and employers and legitimately injured workers lose money. If you think someone is committing workers' compensation fraud, report it to your workers' compensation insurer or your employer. You may also report it to the District Attorney's Office by calling (213) 580-3200.

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**THE PARTY STAFF  
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UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIM FRAUD**

A recent news article in the Sacramento Bee reported that in 2002 the state of California paid \$280 million in fraudulent unemployment insurance claims, nearly a four-fold increase since 2000. The \$280 million lost to fraud is divided by a formula among employers (including the Party Staff) who pay into the unemployment insurance fund.

Unemployment claim fraud includes:

- . Working while collecting unemployment benefits
- . Filing a claim under another person's social security number
- . Deliberately making false statements on a claim in order to receive benefits

The Party Staff will aggressively contest claims we believe to be fraudulent. We also report all cases of suspected fraud to the appropriate government and enforcement agencies!

The Employment Development Department of the State of California encourages individuals who have information that someone is defrauding the Unemployment Insurance, State Disability Insurance programs to call the fraud Tip Hot Line at: 1-800-229-6297.