

XIII. Workers' Compensation

To qualify for benefits under the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act, the employee must establish they were injured in the course of employment by a risk that arises out of such employment. The employee must timely notify the employer of the injury. The employee may be eligible for three major benefits:

1. Medical benefits amounting to 100 percent of all reasonable and necessary medical expenses.
2. Weekly benefits of 2/3rds of the employee's average weekly wage during any period he or she is unable to work.
3. Permanent and temporary, partial or total disability, permanent wage loss or death benefits.

A video on the IEA Learning Portal is available for members by IEA Associate General Counsel Robert Lyons: [Workers' Compensation](#) course.

A brochure providing further information on the Workers' Compensation Act with a list of law firms who handle workers' compensation claims for members is available upon taking the course above.