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**Top 4 Benefits to Having a Workers'
Compensation Attorney**



If you've been injured on the job and your ability to earn income has been impeded as a result of the injury you most likely have many concerns--how to heal from your injury, support your family and pay your medical bills for starters. Having an [experienced workers' compensation attorney](#) handling your case can remove many frustrating roadblocks and get you the benefits you need and deserve. Below are 4 ways a workers' compensation attorney can help:

1. ***Dealing with Complex Laws and Regulations*** – the legal issues and rules regarding a [workers' compensation](#) case is complicated. Our firm has a decade of experience successfully pursuing workers' compensation benefits and we have won over \$40,000,000 for our clients. Attorney Sumrall knows the full benefits you're entitled to—information an insurance company will not necessarily volunteer. Most likely, your employer will hire a skilled attorney to fight your case and you'll want a seasoned professional fighting for you to ensure the best possible outcome.
2. ***Making Sure You Don't Miss Deadlines*** – there are several deadlines for filing your claim and informing your employer of your injury. Missing one of these deadlines can make your claim

invalid. There are other key steps you will need to take to gather the evidence and present a solid case for workers' compensation. We can help you get what you need and make sure everything is in order for your case.

3. ***Better Customer Service*** – there are many reasons why you might need to contact the claims adjuster for your case: slow or late to arrive mileage checks, authorization for medical tests and procedures, and just general questions regarding your case. Sadly, in many instances when an individual is not represented by an attorney, it can be difficult to get your calls returned and the action you need taken. Adjusters know that an attorney can escalate your case by calling for a hearing or filing a motion and therefore they are quick to answer the call and resolve issues promptly.
4. ***A Professional in Your Corner*** – if you're facing a workers' compensation case on your own and you are fired, or your claim is denied you may feel out of options. Attorney Sumrall wants you to know that you have options. We'll be with you every step of the way for appeals and additional actions needed to get you the treatment and compensation necessary to make you whole again.

What If Your Workers' Compensation Claim is Denied?



[Workers' compensation](#) is an area of the law with many aspects. Questions such as what the nature of the injury is, how it was sustained, and the intent of both the employee and the employer all factor into a decision of whether to award benefits and damages. Employers may be concerned that an employee is trying to “work the system” and get benefits they are not entitled to. Sometimes, even when the claim is completely justified, employers are reluctant to pay out because they fear their insurance premiums will go up.

You Don't Have to Take “No” for An Answer

If you've been honest with your employer in stating the facts of your injury which occurred during your employment your employer is legally mandated to cover the cost of your treatment and care. Some conditions that entitle you to benefits include:

- Willful or serious misconduct on behalf of your employer
- Repetitive movement relating to your job
- Unsafe work conditions
- Unintentional actions on your part

Filing an Appeal

Even if you handled the initial claim on your own, a [denial](#) is a good time to bring a professional attorney experienced in filing workman's compensation appeals on board to help you. Remember, it costs you nothing to have a consultation, evaluate your case, and receive expert legal advice. If your claim has been denied, you are entitled to [file an appeal](#) and have the denial reviewed in court by an administrative law judge (ALJ). The hearing will be scheduled for a date two or three months from the filing date. At that time, the ALJ could issue an award or confirm the denial of our claim. Even after confirmation of denial, there are still additional appeals to higher courts that can be made.

Your chances of success are greatly increased with professional legal representation. [Attorney Sumrall](#) has 10 years of experience helping workers injured on the job get the benefits they deserve. Don't suffer financial calamities and unnecessary suffering from a mishandled claim. Let us help you get your benefits, even if your claim has been denied.

If you or a family member have been injured on the job in a [construction site accident](#), a [slip and fall accident](#) or any other work-related incident [The Law Offices of Brian H. Sumrall](#) – Atlanta's Workers' Compensation Attorney--is where you should turn. Our expert legal team will handle your claim to help you recover [lost wages](#) and also file [workers' compensation appeals](#) as needed. Get the compensation you need to cover your expenses and take care of yourself and your family. Call 404-857-3835 24/7 for your free, no-obligation consultation today.



**Recipe of the Month:
Three Bean and Beef Chili**



This comforting, heart-healthy chili is perfect for cold February days. Use ground turkey or chicken for an even leaner option.

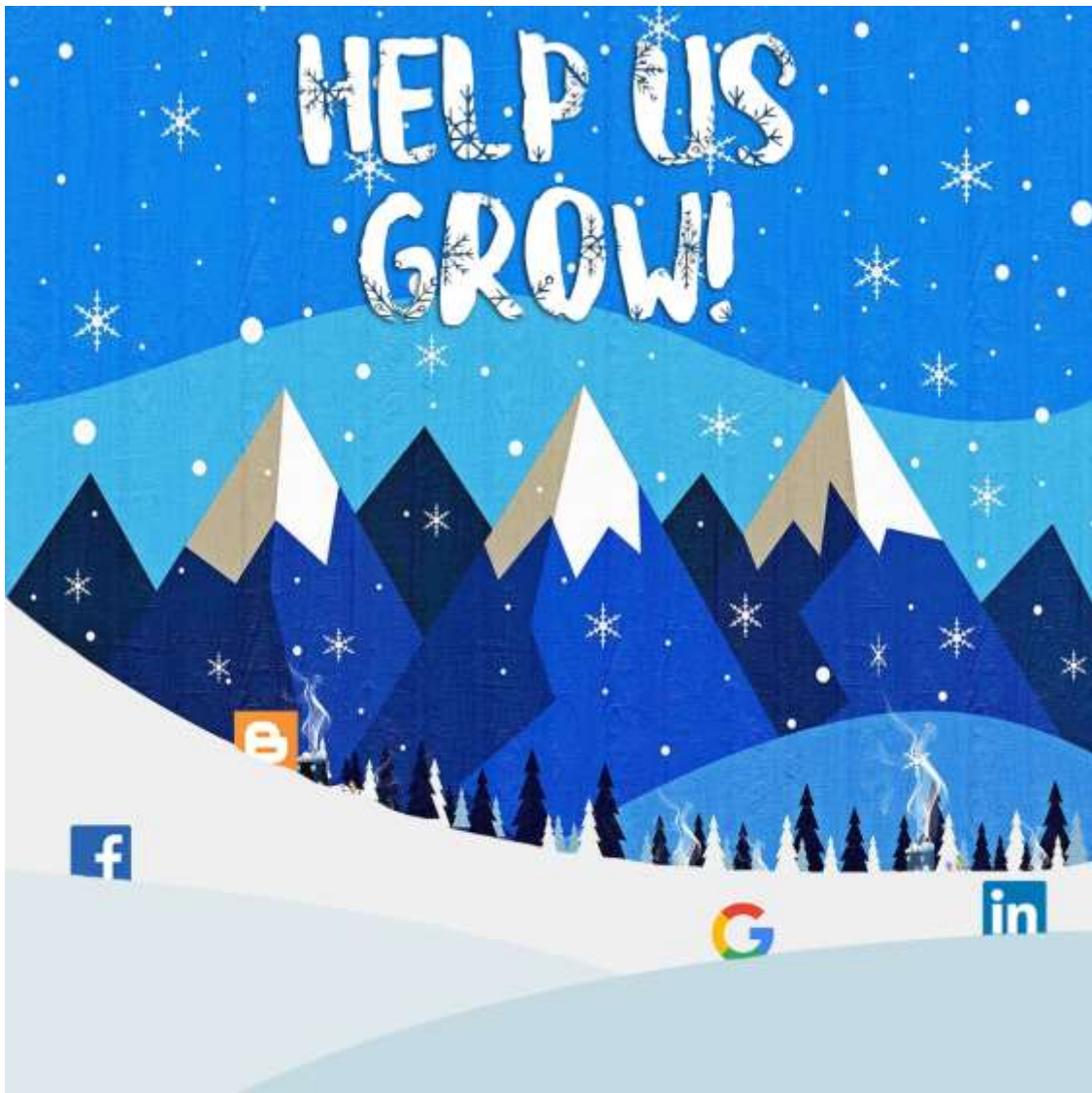
Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, diced (1 cup)
- 1 red bell pepper, diced (1 cup)
- 2 carrots, diced (1/2 cup)
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1-pound extra-lean ground beef (90 percent lean)
- One 28-ounce can crushed tomatoes
- 2 cups water
- 1 chipotle chile in adobo sauce, seeded and minced
- 2 teaspoons adobo sauce from the can of chipotles
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- One 15.5-ounce can black beans, drained and rinsed
- One 15.5-ounce can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- One 15.5-ounce can pinto beans, drained and rinsed

Directions

1. Heat the oil in large pot or Dutch oven over moderate heat. Add the onion, bell pepper and carrots, cover and cook, stirring occasionally until the vegetables are soft, about 10 minutes. Add the cumin and cook, stirring, for 1 minute.
2. Add the ground beef; raise the heat to high and cook, breaking up the meat with a spoon, until the meat is no longer pink.
3. Stir in the tomatoes, water, chipotle and adobo sauce, oregano and salt and pepper. Simmer, partially covered, stirring from time to time, for 30 minutes.
4. Stir in the beans and cook, partially covered, 20 minutes longer. Season, to taste, with salt and pepper.

Recipe courtesy of [Ellie Krieger](#)



What's Happening In & Around Atlanta

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused many large events to be cancelled or postponed. To ensure public safety, we would like to encourage you to enjoy some socially distant outdoor activities in your area.

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