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Personal Injury - LODI Accidents

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PENSION DEPARTMENT:

SANITATION WORKER GETS 3/4
ACCIDENT DISABILITY BECAUSE HIS
PARTNER RAN OVER HIS FOOT Sanitation
worker was exiting his truck during a routine
corner basket route when the driver,
impatient to move forward, took his foot off
the brake before our client had time to step
away from the cab. As a result, the truck
rolled forward a few inches and ran over his
foot causing severe crush injuries. He never
returned to work and is receiving his 3/4 tax
free disability pension. He also has a lawsuit
against the City for his partner's negligence.

SANITATION WORKER GETS 3/4 ACCIDENT DISABILITY AFTER TRIPPING AND FALLING OUT OF HIS EZPAK

Sanitation worker was exiting his ez-pak when he tripped and fell on a broken step. The truck was in a prior accident but DOS never repaired the step - as a result, he lost his balance and sustained a shoulder injury. He never returned to work and after two surgeries, was awarded his disability pension.

SANITATION WORKER GETS 3/4 ACCIDENT DISABILITY AFTER SLIPPING AND FALLING OUT OF HIS TRUCK

Sanitation worker was assigned to an old 25 yard collection vehicle. In the cab, the flooring was worn away which left the exposed metal floor. As he turned to exit, his foot slipped on the metal flooring causing him to fall to the ground. He had a bad hip and back injury, never returned to work and is now collecting SSD and a NYCERS disability pension

SUPERVISOR SLIPS ON WORN STAIRS AT BRONX GARAGE, GETS 3/4.

Garage Supervisor was walking down a worn down metal staircase, lighting was poor, when he slipped and tumbled to the bottom of the staircase. He sustained eye, back and neck injuries. He didn't have surgery but never returned to work. He is now getting his 3/4 tax free pension and we have filed a lawsuit on his behalf against the City for those worn steps.

SANITATION WORKER ASSIGNED TO S.I. LOT CLEANING INJURES SHOULDER WHILE USING A DR BRUSHMOWER -GETS 3/4 PENSION.

Sanitation worker is clearing a lot using a DR Brushmower when it suddenly was toppled over causing our client to sustain a major shoulder injury. He is now getting a 3/4 tax free pension because of that accident. He also has a lawsuit against the Landowner for failing to properly clear his land.

SANITATION WORKER DOING HOUSE TO HOUSE, TRIPS AND FALLS ON BROKEN CURB - GETS 3/4

Sanitation worker is doing house to house in Queens, he trips and falls on a broken and neglected sidewalk. He sustained a back injury and underwent surgery. He never returned to work and is now collecting SSD and a 3/4 tax free pension.

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RECENT CASE SETTLEMENTS

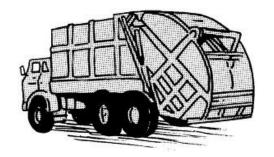
Sanitation Worker has partial amputation of his pinky finger and injures his ring finger after getting caught in the hopper - case settles for \$750,000.00

Sanitation police officer is walking up the stairs of his Brooklyn office when he is caused to trip and fall over a broken step. The City knew about the step but failed to act timely and fix it. Our client had shoulder surgery, lost ability to carry his firearm and is receiving is 3/4 pension. We also sued the City and our client received \$600,000.00.

Sanitation worker in Staten Island is gassing up his vehicle when he trips and falls over a broken floor near the gas pumps. The City knew about the problem but failed to fix it. Our client had 2 knee operations and never returned. We got him a 3/4 pension and we sued the City and received \$400,000.00.

Sanitation Worker in Manhattan was plowing up a truck when a co-worker, who was still on probation, ran over our client's ankle with the forklift. Our client sustained terrible ankle injuries, never returned to work and was forced to move out of NYS. We helped him get his 3/4 pension and we sued the City for the forklift operator's negligence (clear lack of experience). The case is presently pending and the City's last offer to settled was \$1,250,000.00.

If you have an accident <u>and</u> the city may be involved, you must file a notice of claim within <u>90 days</u>. A lawsuit must be filed within 1 year and 90 days of your accident for city cases. Civilian employees can sue the City if they are injured off duty.



IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

If you are a member of Local 831 or 444 (uniformed services), you have the right to sue the City of New York for negligence. (You must act within 90 days)

If you are a civilian and receive Workers' Compensation for an injury, you are barred from suing the City of New York but can still file for a pension.

You have <u>2 years</u> from the date of your LODI to file for an accident disability pension with nycers.

MOTOR VEHICLE NO-FAULT BENEFITS:

If you are injured at work and it involves a department vehicle (car, truck, FEL, etc) you are entitled to get back your lost overtime. To do so, you must file a nofault application with the NYC Comptroller within 30 days of your accident.

For more information on these or any other matters, call, write, phone, text, or email:

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