



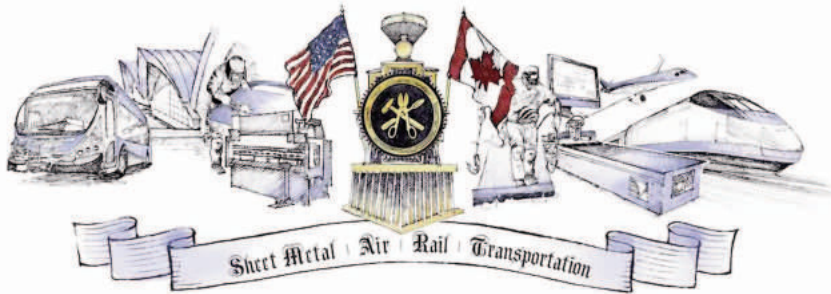
# How to protect your rights when injured on the job

What every rail worker should know

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**E**xperience indicates that not all injured rail members receive just compensation. Railroads retain skilled claim agents and attorneys. As soon as a rail worker is injured, the railroad and its agents get to work to protect the railroad's interests. Statements of witnesses are taken, photographs of the scene and equipment are produced and measurements are made.

The railroad's lawyers begin to put their legal knowledge to work. The railroad's claim agents and attorneys work for the railroad, not you. It is difficult for an investigation to be made for you after a long delay, when the trail has become cold.

This pamphlet is intended to make you aware of your rights and obligations when injured.

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