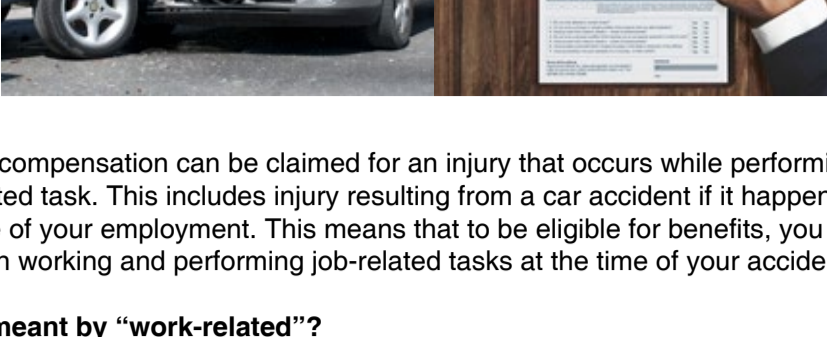




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Car Accidents on The Job - Am I Entitled to Workers' Compensation?



Workers' compensation can be claimed for an injury that occurs while performing a work-related task. This includes injury resulting from a car accident if it happens during the scope of your employment. This means that to be eligible for benefits, you had to have been working and performing job-related tasks at the time of your accident.

What is meant by "work-related"?

Any activity related to your job or that takes place at your workplace is classified as "work-related." Here are a few examples that would fall under the category of "work-related driving":

- If you are running a work-related errand, like delivery or pickup
- If you are commuting between your employer's offices or worksites
- If you are picking up or dropping another employee or a client for a work-related purpose
- If your primary responsibility at work revolves around driving

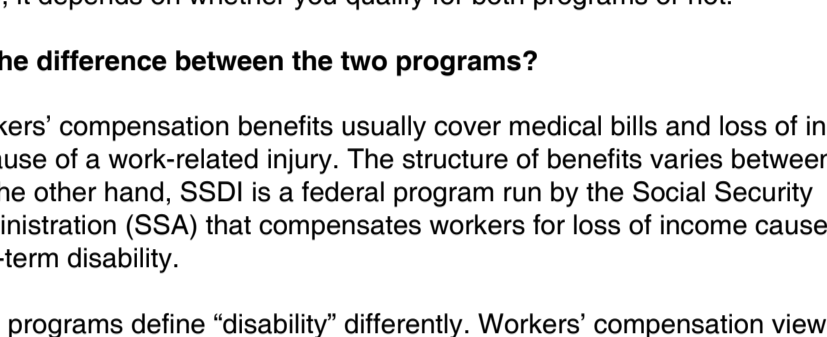
If an accident were to occur during any of the instances mentioned above, the driver could claim workers' compensation benefits. Some important points to keep in mind when applying for workers' compensation in case of a car accident include:

- When filing for workers' compensation, you are likely to receive benefits up to a certain financial limit which may cover your medical or treatment bills and lost income in case of inability to continue working.
- However, even if you receive workers' compensation, you can still file a personal injury lawsuit against the driver you collided into. The important thing here is that you will have to prove that the other driver was at fault to receive compensation for vehicle damages and psychological trauma.
- On the other hand, workers' compensation is a "no-fault" system i.e., you can receive benefits even if the accident occurred due to your fault.
- Other aspects that will determine if you receive your claim or not are whether you were driving for a work-related duty, were not drunk driving nor were you under the influence of drugs, and were following traffic rules.
- You should always keep the application timelines in mind when claiming workers' compensation or personal injury damages. While it is best to report your injury to your employer right away, different states allow a specific period during which claims can be filed.

Legal experts can guide you on whether to claim personal injury or workers' compensation if you have been injured in a work-related vehicle accident.

Apart from vehicle or property damage, getting into an accident can result in great physical, mental, and financial stress. Therefore, it is important to make well-informed decisions and file appropriate claims to yield the maximum possible benefits to mitigate your damages. Contact [Heller, Maas, Moro & Magill Co., L.P.A.](#), today to [schedule your free case evaluation](#) with one of our Ohio workers' compensation attorneys.

Can I File for Workers' Compensation and SSDI?



If you have been injured at work and are unable to continue working due to disability, you apply for [workers' compensation benefits](#) and [Social Security Disability Insurance \(SSDI\)](#) simultaneously. However, the eligibility requirements of both programs differ. Therefore, it depends on whether you qualify for both programs or not.

What is the difference between the two programs?

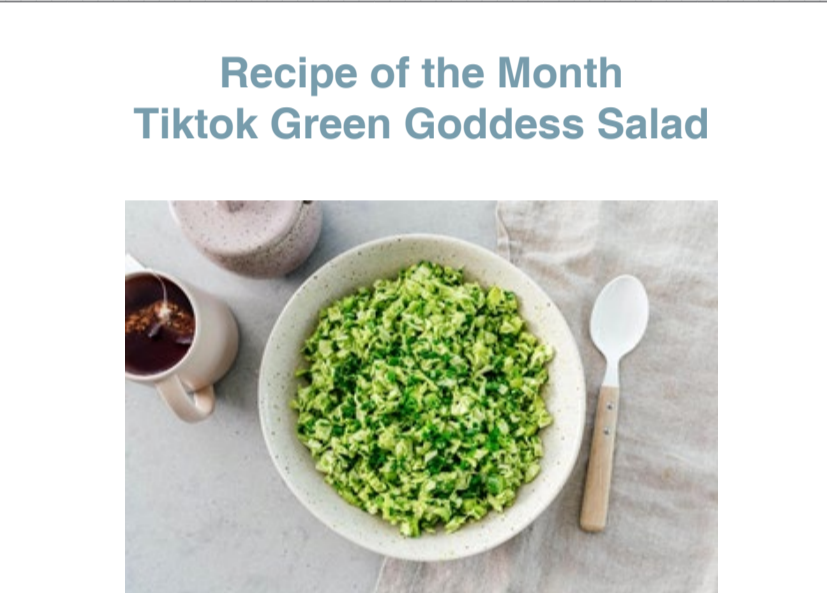
- Workers' compensation benefits usually cover medical bills and loss of income because of a work-related injury. The structure of benefits varies between states. On the other hand, SSDI is a federal program run by the Social Security Administration (SSA) that compensates workers for loss of income caused by a long-term disability.
- Both programs define "disability" differently. Workers' compensation views an individual's "disability" as their inability to continue performing the job that they were doing before getting injured at work. For the SSA, "disability" is a medical condition that is likely to last for at least a year or result in death. Moreover, the said medical condition renders the individual unable to perform any kind of work despite available training options.
- Workers' compensation requires that you report your injury immediately or within the defined period to claim your benefits. However, SSD claims take longer to be processed. The SSA has a medical guide, known as the Blue Book, which determines if you even qualify for disability benefits or not. Medical records, physicians' contact details, and other supporting evidence like test results, laboratory reports, treatment records, etc. are mandatory for SSDI eligibility.

How do workers' compensation and SSDI work?

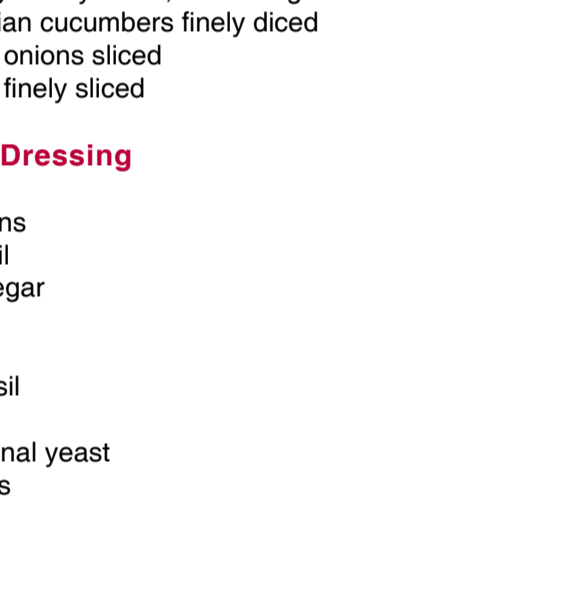
- To receive workers' compensation, you need to be actively working with an employer. For SSDI, you are required to have worked and financially contributed to the SSDI program to be eligible for disability benefits. In most cases, the employment duration is defined as five (5) full-time years or five (5) years of full-time employment over 10 years.
- The SSDI is a credit-based system. Before becoming disabled, you must have earned 40 credits during your employment years, with at least 20 credits falling in the last ten (10) years of employment ending in disability.
- If you are already getting workers' compensation, the SSA may likely reduce or offset your disability payment by the amount of your workers' compensation.
- While it takes longer to receive SSD benefits, it is critical to complete your medical documentation and start your SSDI claim process at the earliest.

It is better to have legal experts who are experienced in both workers' compensation and SSD claims manage your case to know which benefits to apply for and when. They can also guide you about the appeal process in case of rejection in either program.

The experienced disability lawyers of [Heller, Maas, Moro & Magill Co., LPA](#), are here to serve you and help you get back on your feet. Call or [contact our firm online](#) to schedule a confidential free case evaluation with one of our trained disability lawyers.



Recipe of the Month Tiktok Green Goddess Salad



If you love chopped salads, you're going to love the viral Tiktok green goddess salad that is not only satisfying, but also vegan!

Salad Ingredients

- 1 small cabbage finely diced, or iceberg lettuce
- 3-4 small Persian cucumbers finely diced
- 1 bunch green onions sliced
- 1/4 cup chives finely sliced

Green Goddess Dressing

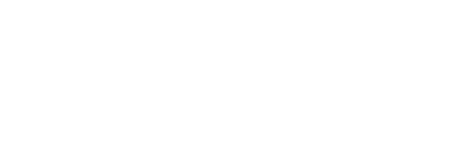
- juice of 2 lemons
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tbsp rice vinegar
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 small shallot
- 1 cup fresh basil
- 1 cup spinach
- 1/3 cup nutritional yeast
- 1/4 cup walnuts
- 1 tsp salt

Instructions

1. Finely dice or chop up all the vegetables and toss in a large bowl.
2. In a blender or food processor, add the dressing ingredients, liquids first: lemon juice, olive oil, rice vinegar, shallot, basil leaves, spinach, nutritional yeast, walnuts, and salt. Blend until smooth.
3. Add the dressing to the bowl with the diced vegetables and mix well. Enjoy on its own, on tacos, as a side with protein, or scooped up with tortilla chips!

Recipe courtesy of [iamafoodblog.com](#)

Help Us Grow!



What's Happening In & Around Youngstown Warren, Salem, Akron, Ravenna

Apr 21
[Ambrosia & John Ford Coley](#)
Akron Civic Center

Apr 21
[Josh Turner](#)
Packard Music Hall
Warren, OH

Apr 25
[Trace Adkins](#)
Packard Music Hall
Warren, OH

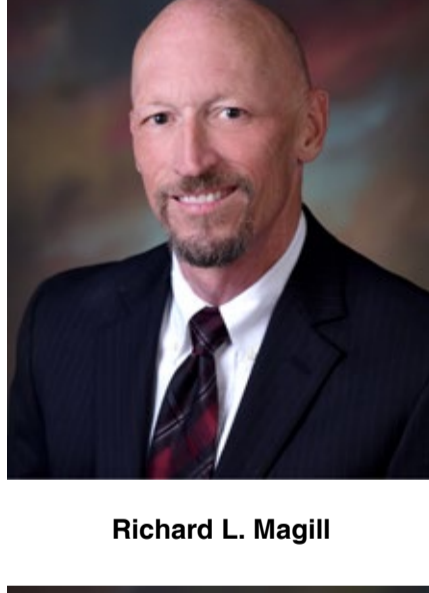
Apr 30 – May 1
[The Wizard of Oz Ballet](#)
Akron Civic Center

May 11
[Shawn Colvin](#)
The Kent Stage
Kent, OH

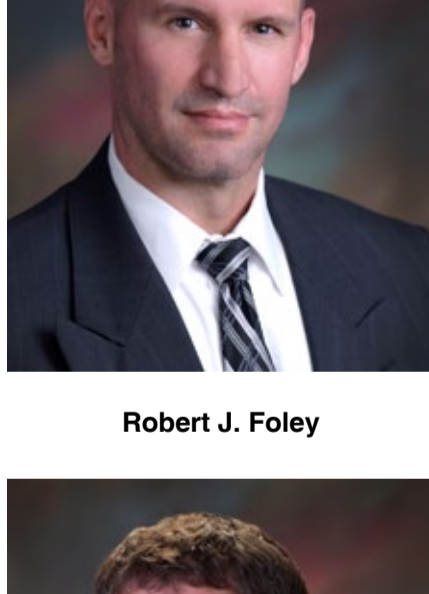
May 18
[Al Stewart with the Empty Pockets](#)
The Kent Stage
Kent, OH

May 29
[Ray LaMontagne & Sierra Ferrell](#)
Akron Civic Center

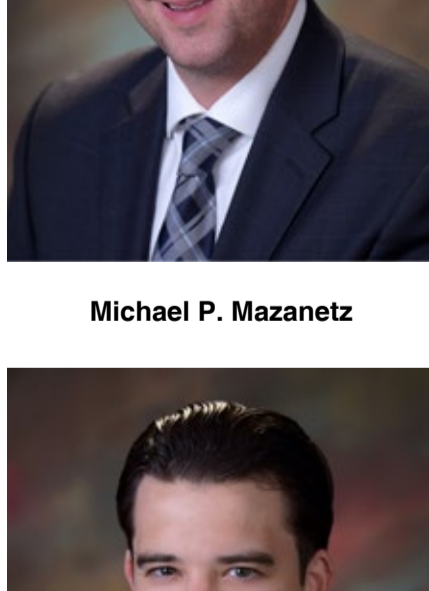
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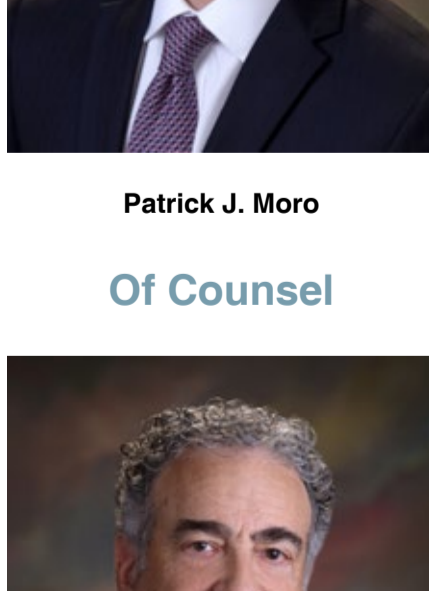
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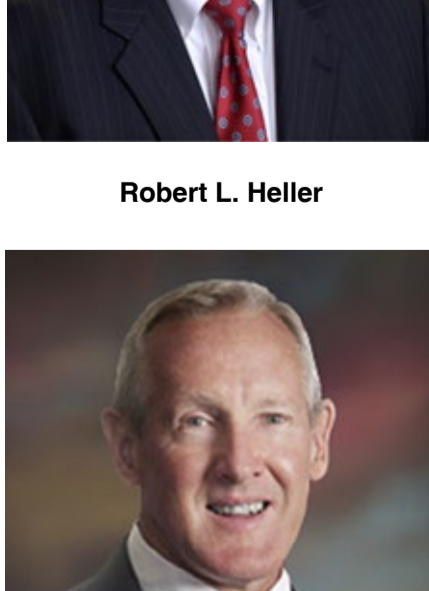
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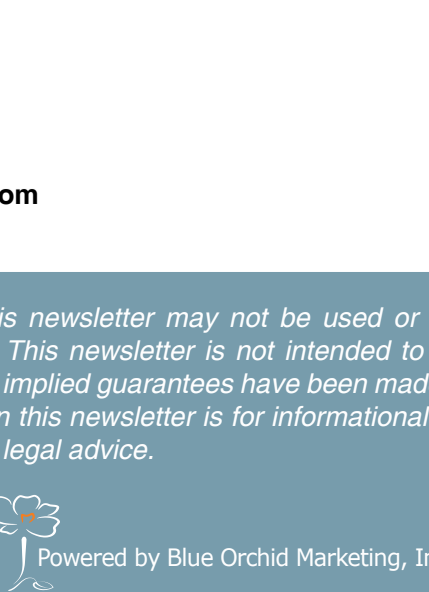


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