Stay on Track 5 Do's & Don'ts of Railroad Injuries

DO confirm unsafe conditions and equipment

on your injury report **DO** review the injury report and make corrections before signing

DO get a copy of the injury report

DO tell your treating doctor about unsafe conditions and equipment causing your injury

DO be aware that you have THREE YEARS from the date of your injury to file a lawsuit (or you are forever barred)

DON'T forget you MUST PROVE NEGLIGENCE

DON'T take the railroad's, or the claim agent's word for anything regarding your claim (consult an attorney)

DON'T fill out an injury report if you are under duress or in significant pain

DON'T let the railroad interfere with your medical treatment

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DO Know Your Rights

Read "Know Your Rights" online at marshallfriedman.com

ATTENTION HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

FELA, not workers' comp. Railroad employers are covered under the Federal Employers' Liability Act (FELA), NOT workers' compensation. Your patient has the right to choose his/her own provider. It is not necessary for the railroad to approve treatment. Medical bills for the railroad workers are covered by union-negotiated plans, and should be sent to the railroad first. DO NOT send any records or reports to the railroad without first obtaining an authorization from the patient (doctor/patient privilege is not waived).

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