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FIVE THINGS ABOUT GETTING HURT ON THE JOB

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As work environments and habits change, so can the kinds of injuries that can happen on the job. Workplace attorney Robert F. Liss of the Berkley-based personal injury law firm Liss & Shapero talks about some of the most common injuries and where they can happen.



1 THE OFFICE

The office is still where most of the injuries occur. Workplace scuffles and accidents — like a worker tripping over a cord — can make the office a risky place to be.

2 TRAVEL

Whether it's a car accident while you're driving to an assignment or whether you are on a plane headed to a meeting, a large number of workplace injuries are sustained during travel. This can include a fender bender or something like a plane losing cabin pressure and any injuries resulting from that.

3 HOME

The number of Americans whose employer allows them to work remotely at least one day a month increased from 7.6 million in 2004 to 12.4 million in 2006, according to a recent report issued by WorldatWork.org, a human resources organizations.

If you work at home, there are many injuries that can occur. Anything from tripping down your stairs to anyone you are doing business with getting hurt at your home would be considered a workplace injury.

4 PETS ON THE PROWL

Dog bites are common workplace injuries. Mail carriers, delivery services and salespeople all are at risk of being attacked by a dog.

5 RESTAURANTS

Restaurants have always been a risky place to work, Liss says. Servers carry heavy trays, cooks deal with knives and hot surfaces and workers have to deal with abuse from patrons.

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