



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND JUDICIARY

SUPERIOR COURT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question: Is there a cost to filing a petition?

Answer: Yes, all petitions require a \$20.00 filing fee along with a \$20.75 electronic filing fee, for a total of \$40.75. Appeals to the Appellate Division of the court require a \$25.00 filing fee along with a \$20.75 electronic filing fee, for a total \$45.75. The payments of all fees should be made payable to Administrator, Workers' Compensation Court.

Question: Where are you located? How do I get there?

Answer: The clerk's office is located on the third floor and the courtrooms are located on the fourth floor of the Garrahy Judicial Complex, One Dorrance Plaza, Providence, Rhode Island.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM ROUTE 95N or 95S

Exit 22A (Down City – Memorial Boulevard)

Follow Memorial Boulevard until the road turns into Dyer Street. Take a right onto Clifford Street. The Garrahy Judicial Complex will be straight ahead and to the right.

Question: What are your hours of operation?

Answer: The court's hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Question: Do I need an attorney to proceed before the court?

Answer: An attorney is not necessary but is recommended. A referral can be obtained through the Rhode Island Bar Association (401) 421-5740.

Question: Once my petition is filed how long before my court date?

Answer: You will receive a pretrial notice for a hearing approximately twenty-one (21) days from the date of filing.

Question: Can I speak with a judicial officer about my case?

Answer: No, all correspondence should be made through your attorney.

Question: What if I cannot make my court date?

Answer: Contact your attorney's office. If you do not have attorney, contact the clerk's office (401) 458-5000.

Question: What if I have questions about my rights under the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation laws?

Answer: Contact the Department of Labor and Training - Division of Workers' Compensation at (401) 462-8100.

Question: What if I need copies of documents in my Workers' Compensation Court file?

Answer: Your file is a public record and can be viewed during the court's hours of operation. Copies can be obtained for a fee of fifteen cents (\$.15) per page.

Question: How can I search for a business?

Answer: You can search for a business on the Secretary of State's website at <https://business.sos.ri.gov/CorpWeb/CorpSearch/CorpSearch.aspx>.

Question: How can I find out if an employer has Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage?

Answer: You can search for a business on the Department of Labor and Training's website at the following link:

<https://www.ewccv.com/cvs/?ref=http:%2F%2Fwww.dlt.ri.gov%2Fwc%2Ffraud%2Fcoverage.htm>