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No fault insurance must be changed, due to employer not providing a safe work place. Employee(my mother) caught foot in loose vinyl stair nosing which resulting her falling down a flight of stairs. Privacy act must be adhered to; my mother's entire file with social insurance# plus doctor's reports and all private information, was mailed out, most likely to another injured worker, as my mother received someone else's private information, it appeared that the wrong labels were on the envelopes.

They need to employ good doctors, not the ones looking for an easy paycheck and great hours, as these doctors stay employed as long as they report in WCB's favor.

WCB should follow the injured worker's doctors' advice and their reports on the patient.

The practice of hiring private unqualified people filming the injured worker should be looked into. They must have sat in their cars for months with pay. The first time my mother went out on her own, which she was able to do, with a brace on (that WCB paid for) they filmed her, and they gave WCB the video. This video was edited; as my aunt was with my mother and she says things that should have been on it, were definitely taken out. The pain on my mother's face in the video is evident. The brace can only be worn for short periods as it will weaken the muscles.

The review board in under the same umbrella for pay as all WCB workers and their reports mostly favor WCB. We need to have a proper review board.

The employee's wages and benefits are so high (same as all crown corporations) that they are taking away from the hurt workers benefits.

WCB needs to look at the long term quality of life and provide compensation for pain and suffering, not just pay for their medication and then forget about them.

WCB seems to have a mandate to just get the worker back to work no matter what condition they are in. Their employees must be instructed to follow this mandate.

The WCB was put in place to help the employee and the employer, not to provide WCB employees with one of the highest possible employment benefits and wages in the province. It is time for a over haul of all of their practices.

We have a huge file on the treatment of my mother, which proves that it is time for this over haul which is necessary for the workers compensation system into the future. My mother can no longer read as upsets her stomach (used to read 2 books a week). She can no longer clean the house. Has tried to go to shows, but has to leave as she can not sit that long due to the pain. She has short term memory loss due to the medications. She has not had a vacation for over 3 1/2 years as she can not afford to travel in comfort. My mother was not at fault and she is left with a very poor quality of life. There should be independent lawyers available to the injured worker.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED] Advocate for [REDACTED]