

What happens to permanently disabled workers after workplace injury?



Workers with more severe impairments are

38%

less likely to return to work than other claimants.

And take longer to return to work.

15%

more likely to have to stop working (at least for a while).



34%

more likely to get reinjured.

40%

Say pain interferes with their work.



29%

Worry about not being able to pay their expenses

Nearly **HALF** say that their injury made it hard to get a job.



More than **HALF** say that their injury made it hard to keep a job.

What helps permanently disabled workers stay at work?



Communication between **health care providers and employers**



Support from co-workers



No stigma from co-workers and supervisors



Being **able to take time off** work for appointments and personal matters



This infographic describes the findings of a set of studies that linked workers' compensation data, salary data, and survey data from Washington state in the United States to see how long permanently disabled workers took to return to work, whether they kept working, and whether they were reinjured.

Keys to sustained return to work and reinjury prevention among workers with work-related permanent impairments

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