

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

### Q. Should every workplace injury be reported to Company Nurse®?

**A.** Yes, every injury should be called in to Company Nurse<sup>®</sup>. CALL COMPANY NURSE<sup>®</sup> BEFORE THE EMPLOYEE LEAVES THE JOB SITE. This will provide injury information immediately to Safety and Risk Management personnel on every injury. This is a 24/7 service, including all holidays.

#### Q. How should an obvious emergency situation be handled?

**A.** In all life- or limb-threatening situations, **call 911 or transport directly to the ER immediately**. Call Company Nurse<sup>®</sup> with any information that you have regarding the incident once the situation has stabilized.

### Q. Does Company Nurse<sup>®</sup> diagnose an injury over the telephone?

**A.** We do not diagnose injuries. We perform a triage process that guides the employee to the appropriate level of care for treatment based on the information obtained during the call.

# Q. The employee was referred for treatment. The employee and the supervisor do not think this injury needs to be treated. Should treatment be sought anyway?

**A.** Yes. It is always best to follow the advice of the RN and get treatment sooner rather than later. Minor injuries are often referred to seek treatment within 48-72 hours. If the employee refuses to seek treatment, that will be documented in the incident report.

# Q. The employee does not want to call Company Nurse<sup>®</sup>. Should the supervisor call?

**A.** Yes. Call with the injury information; include if and where the employee was treated. The reports will be forwarded to the Risk Management and/or Human Resources department to alert them of the incident.

# Q. What about injuries that occurred before the Company Nurse<sup>®</sup> service started, or injuries to employees who no longer work there?

**A.** Check with your company management or HR.

### Q. The Employee has already been treated by their physician. Should the injury be reported?

**A.** Check with your company management or HR.

## Q. Should an employee who is currently under medical care, call Company Nurse® for additional medical advice?

**A.** Once an employee is under a physician's care, we cannot contradict the treating physician's advice. The Nurse will remind the employee to follow the physician's instructions.

### Q. Will Company Nurse® provide general health care advice?

**A.** No. Company Nurse<sup>®</sup> should be called for work-related injuries only.



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### Q. Will the employee be given some type of reference or call confirmation number?

**A.** Yes, we provide a call confirmation number that associates the employee's injury to a specific report. This is not the same as the claim number assigned by your workers' comp carrier.

#### Q. To whom does Company Nurse report injuries?

**A.** Company Nurse<sup>®</sup> reports all injuries to your HR/Risk Management and/or workers' comp insurance carrier via an automated process as directed by the employer.

## Q. What happens if the employee is on hold for an extended period of time waiting for a nurse?

**A.** The protocol is to answer every call – there is no voicemail. Calls are initially answered by an Injury Care Coordinator (ICC). During unexpected high volume time periods, the ICC will take a contact phone number, and a Nurse will return a call as soon as possible, typically within a few minutes.

#### Q. Is Company Nurse® my Workers' Comp Insurance?

**A.** No. Company Nurse<sup>®</sup> provides the initial injury triage, offers care advice and initiates the injury reporting process. Your employer is responsible for Workers' Compensation claims processing and administration.

## Q. After I have been treated by a medical provider, do I need to call Company Nurse® back and update them with the treatment outcome and/or progress?

**A.** No. Company Nurse<sup>®</sup> does not need to know. Any updates of your condition after treatment should be provided to your employer or workers' comp carrier.

#### For more information:

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