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Travelling employees entitlement to Worker's Compensation Benefits

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In order to have a valid workers' compensation claim, an employee must show that the injury arose out of and in the course of his or her employment. While a typical employee is generally not covered by workers' compensation for accidents and injuries that occur while traveling to and from work, an employee who is traveling for work, such as a flight attendant, or an employee on a business trip, will be entitled to workers' compensation for [accidents and injuries](#) occurring during day-to-day activities if it was reasonably foreseeable that the activity would be done while traveling. Moreover, courts have generally given a very liberal interpretation of what it means to occur "in the course of employment" in the context of a traveling employee.

For example, a [flight attendant](#) that trips on a sidewalk while on a layover is likely entitled to workers' compensation because it is reasonably foreseeable that the flight attendant would need to walk outside while on his or her layover. Similarly, an employee on a business trip that is injured in a hotel or at a restaurant is likely entitled to workers' compensation because it is reasonably foreseeable that the employee would need to eat a meal and stay in a hotel while on layover.

Flight attendants for [United Airlines](#) and American Airlines, who are based in Chicago, are frequently injured on layovers. Consequently, these flight attendants are covered by Illinois workers' compensation laws. An experienced worker's compensation attorney can help you navigate through this type of claim. [Katz, Friedman](#) lawyers represent many [flight attendants](#) in cases involving workers' compensation issues.