

<u>Crane Accident at Sacramento Amusement</u> <u>Park Injures 2 Workers</u>

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Two men were injured Tuesday afternoon when a crane collapsed while work was being performed on the Scandia Screamer, a 165 foot tall amusement ride at the Scandia Fun Center in North Highlands. The two men, employees of Scandia, were suspended in harnesses and were removing the final bolt that would allow the weight of the arm of the ride to transfer to the crane when the crane collapsed. One of the workers suffered a broken leg and had his arm pinched between two pieces of metal. The other worker suffered minor injuries. Fortunately the incident was witnessed by a passing Sacramento Fire Department truck on its way back to its station. The firefighters responded quickly and used the truck's basket to assist the worker with the broken leg to the ground so that he could receive medical attention.

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Injuries at involving construction sites or heavy equipment present a number of complicated legal issues. First, the legal cause of the incident must be determined. Sometimes that requires investigation beyond what is performed by the police, fire department, OSHA or other investigating agency. Most incidents are caused by negligence either of some of the workers involved, their employers, or those responsible for the manufacture or maintenance of the equipment involved.

Second, anytime someone is injured on the job, there is the possibility that the injured victim has **both** a workers' compensation claim under his employer's insurance **and** a civil claim against a responsible third party. These types of cross-over claims require sorting out difficult questions of who is responsible for paying what damages. Whileworkers' compensation

covers some of the victim's losses, the victim may be entitled to additional damages through a liability claim that is not covered by workers' compensation, including pain and suffering.

Third, the workers' compensation insurance will seek reimbursement from any liability insurance recovery. That means that the workers' compensation carrier will be competing for money that otherwise would go to the injured victim. Lastly, insurance companies will do whatever they can to avoid paying fair compensation for not only medical bills, but lost income and pain and suffering as well.

Anyone seriously injured in a Sacramento construction site or heavy equipment accident has a number of serious issues to deal with. Because of these and many other issues, injury victims an involved in a injury accident like this are strongly urged to consult with an experienced **California Personal Injury Attorney** who will make sure that your rights are protected and that you are dealt with fairly.

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