

## **THE ACCIDENT REPORT: A VERY IMPORTANT DOCUMENT IN YOUR CASE**

One of the most important liability documents in an FELA case is the **Accident Report**. The information that the injured railroader records will play a substantial role in determining whether the railroad provided a safe place to work and the direct impact on damages you will receive for your injuries.

- **Don't** let the railroad pressure you into reporting inaccurate facts
- **Don't** blame yourself where you are not to blame
- Be **specific** in identifying unsafe conditions
- Name Witnesses
- List **all** affected body parts
- Accurately, **but briefly**, describe the accident
- Less is more
- **Beware** of **trick** questions

How you fill out the report often determines the recovery you will receive for your injuries. Honestly and accurately use your own words not your supervisor's. Get a copy of a blank injury form. Review it the same way you review your rulebooks so that you are familiar with the questions. Contact your local chairman or Designated Counsel for guidance. **Immediately** call if you are being harassed and intimidated by railroad officials.

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