

Workers' Compensation
Work-Related Injuries

Florida SouthWestern State College provides Workers' Compensation Insurance for all college employees.

Medical Emergency

**If you need emergency medical treatment, call 911 and Campus Public Safety immediately.
If this is an emergency, initial treatment should be sought by calling 911.**

Public Safety Campus Extensions:

Lee	x11203	(239-489-9203)
Collier	x33712	(239-732-3712)
Charlotte	x55608	(941-637-5608)
Hendry/Glades	x66017	(863-674-0408)

All Non-Emergency Accidents or Injuries
(With or Without Medical Treatment)

Note: Only the General Counsel's office may authorize medical treatment in **non-emergency** related situations. If you have been injured at work and will be seeking treatment under Worker's Compensation, you **must** seek treatment from an authorized provider.

Step-By-Step Procedure for All Non-Emergency Accidents or Injuries

Step 1: Contact Public Safety immediately to report the accident or injury. Public Safety will complete an Incident /Accident Report, and you and/or Public Safety must contact the General Counsel's Office immediately at 432-7313 (ext.16613)

Step 2: Contact your supervisor.

Step 3: If medical attention is required, the General Counsel's Office will provide a Referral for Medical Services and refer you to the College's Workers' Compensation an approved Primary Care Physician. The General Counsel's Office can also give you a First Script form at that time, if any prescriptions are necessary after the physician's visit.

Step 4: After seeing the Worker's Compensation Physician, immediately deliver and/or send the medical certification to the General Counsel's Office, Building I-210, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33919. Any medical restrictions must be clearly communicated and approved by the General Counsel's Office and your supervisor.

Step 5: If a return visit is required to the Worker's Compensation Physician and/or other treatment is recommended, follow-through with those instructions and report to the General Counsel's Office and your supervisor.

Questions and Answers about Work Related Accidents and Injuries

Q: What is Workers' Compensation?

A: Workers' Compensation provides payment of medical expenses for employees who incur a qualified injury on the job and must see an authorized physician or go to an authorized medical facility. It also pays a percentage of wages after a short waiting period, to an employee who has been placed off work by an authorized physician due to a workplace injury.

Q: Who is covered by Workers' Compensation?

A: Any full-time or part-time (Adjunct, Student Assistant, Part-time hourly, College Volunteer) employee of Florida SouthWestern State College is eligible for Workers' Compensation if injured while performing duties within the course and scope of his/her employment.

Q: Who is not covered by Workers' Compensation?

A: Students going to class and contracted individuals working at the college.

Q: Can I go to my own doctor and have Workers' Compensation pay?

A: No. The General Counsel's Office will refer you to the College's Workers' Compensation Primary Care Physicians from the list provided in this document.

Q: Who is an authorized Workers' Compensation Primary Care Physician for FSW?

A: General Counsel's Office, along with help from the Worker's Compensation carrier, will provide you with a Referral for Medical Services form and will direct you to a Worker's Compensation physician convenient to your home or work (see list below). **If you go to a physician who is not an authorized Workers' Compensation doctor**, your expenses will not be covered. Be aware, too, that group health insurance will **not** pay for expenses related to on-the-job injuries.

Q: What do I do if my injury occurs after the General Counsel's Office is closed, and I need medical attention?

A: Florida SouthWestern State College's Campus Public Safety is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Once you have reported the injury to Public Safety, go to the nearest Care facility listed below, if you need to seek medical attention. If none of these clinics are open, go to the nearest Hospital emergency room. In addition, contact the General Counsel's office and advise your supervisor of the injury on the next business day or sooner if possible, and complete the necessary paperwork. If you do not need medical assistance at the time that the injury occurred, contact Public Safety immediately to take the accident/incident report, and then contact the General Counsel's Office and your supervisor on the next available business day.

Q: What if I get a prescription from the doctor?

A: This packet includes a form from First Scripts for any prescriptions you receive related to your claim. This form is accepted at Walgreens, Publix, Target, Wal-Mart, or Winn Dixie, etc. If you are filling your prescription outside of business hours, and you don't have the First Script form, go ahead and fill and pay for your prescription and keep your receipts to submit for reimbursement.

Q: What are my rights under Workers' Compensation?

A: If you have any questions, please visit the **Department of Labor Workers' Compensation Web Page**. (<http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/workcomp/index.htm>)

- Q: Does FSW provide “light or alternate” duty temporary assignments for employees that have been injured on the job?**
A: Yes, we will provide an accommodation to the injured employee if we are reasonably able to modify their position to meet the employee’s restrictions.
- Q: Do you provide the same option for employees that are injured off the job?**
A: Yes, depending on their restrictions and fitness for duty.
- Q: Does FSW pay the employee for the first week of lost wages (first 40 hours following the injury)?**
A: No. Your workers’ compensation benefits for lost wages will start on the eighth day that you’re unable to work. You will not receive wage replacement benefits for the first 7 days of work missed, unless you are out of work for more than 21 days due to your work-related injury.
- Q: If not, do you allow employees to use sick leave for this time?**
A: Yes.
- Q: Does FSW pay for the lost work time for physical therapy, follow-up doctor’s appointments, testing, etc. or is the employee able to use sick time for these absences?**
A: Non-Exempt, hourly employees are not paid unless they use sick time.
- Q: Does FSW allow employees that have been injured on the job to use accrued leave (sick or vacation) to supplement wages paid by the Workers’ Compensation carrier (the 1/3 portion not paid by Workers’ Compensation)?**
A: Yes, an employee may elect to use accrued sick or other leave in an amount necessary to achieve full-pay status while absent from work due to a workers’ compensation claim.

Contact Information for Assistance with Workers' Compensation:

FSW General Counsel’s Office: (239) 432-7313 or x. 16613

Workers’ Compensation Adjuster: Candy Buchanan-(407)583-3204

If Candy is unavailable, please call Kim Sprouse at (407)583-3211.

Candy handles doctors’ appointments, referrals to specialists, payment of wages to injured employees who are off work and payment of medical bills. Please call her if you have any questions or concerns.

Approved Worker's Compensation Medical Facilities by Campus

Hospitals (Emergency Care)	Urgent Walk-in Clinics (Ambulatory Care)
Charlotte	
Englewood Community Hospital 700 Medical Blvd. Englewood, Florida 34223 941-475-6571 Open 24/7	Company Care at Fawcett Memorial 3280 Tamiami Trail, Suite 11 Port Charlotte, Florida 33952 941-625-3047 Mon- Fri 8am – 4:30pm
Fawcett Memorial Hospital 21298 Olean Blvd. Port Charlotte, Florida 33952 941-629-1181 Open 24/7	
Collier	
Naples Community Hospital 350 Seventh Street, North Naples, Florida 34102 239-436-5000 ER – 239-624-2700 Open 24/7	Collier Urgent Care 7955 Airport Pulling Road, N. Suite 102 Naples, Florida 34109 239-593-3232 Mon – Fr 8am – 7pm Sat/Sun 8am – 5pm
	Marco Healthcare Center 40 S. Heathwood Dr. Marco Island, Florida 34145 239-513-7144 Mon – Sun 8am – 7:30pm
Hendry/Glades	
Hendry Regional Medical Center 524 West Sagamore Ave. Clewiston, Florida 33440 863-902-3000 Open 24/7	Urgent & Convenient Care Center 700 South Main St., Suite A LaBelle, Florida 33935 863-342-8260 Mon and Wed <u>ONLY</u>, 10 - 4
Lee	
Cape Coral Hospital 636 Del Prado Blvd. Cape Coral, Florida 33990 239-424-2000 Open 24/7	Lee Convenient Care – Page Field 4771 S. Cleveland Ave. Fort Myers, Florida 33907 239-343-9806 Mon – Sun 7am – 7pm
Gulf Coast Hospital 13681 Doctor's Way Fort Myers, Florida 33912 239-343-1000 Open 24/7	Lee Convenient Care – Summerlin 16230 Summerlin Rd. Fort Myers, Florida 33908 239-343-7454 Mon – Sun 7am – 7pm
Health Park Medical Center 9981 Health Park Circle Fort Myers, Florida 33908 239-343-5000 Open 24/7	Urgent Care of Southwest Florida 10201 Arcos Ave., Suite 105 Estero, Florida 33928 239-333-2273 Mon – Fri 8am – 7pm Sat – 9am-5pm, Sun 9am – 4pm
Lee Memorial Hospital 2776 Cleveland Ave. Fort Myers, Florida 33901 239-343-2000 Open 24/7	Urgent Care Bonita Community Health 3501 Health Center Blvd. Bonita Springs, Florida 34135 239-949-1050 239-949-6109 Mon – Fri 7am – 7pm, Sat/Sun 8am – 4pm
	Lee Convenient Care – Pine Island 1682 NE Pine Island Rd. Cape Coral, Florida 33909 239- 424-1655 Mon – Sun 7am – 7pm
	Urgent Care Center of Southwest Florida 1708 Cape Coral Pkwy West, Suite #2 Cape Coral, Florida 33914 239-333-3333 Mon – Fri 8am – 7pm Sat – 9am-5pm, Sun 9am – 4pm
	MedExpress Urgent Care Center 313 SW Pine Island Road Cape Coral, Florida 33991 239-458-6755 Mon – Sun 8am – 8pm
	Urgent and Convenient Care Center 2718 Lee Blvd Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971 239-303-9298 Mon – Fri 9am – 6pm Sat 10am – 5pm, Sun 11am – 3pm
	MedExpress Urgent Care Center 1120 Homestead Road, North Lehigh Acres, Florida 33936 239-333-5020 Mon – Sun 8am – 8pm