

My name is Fatemeh Pour-Jamshidi-Jerandeh.

My job was very repetitive. I was working full time 8 hours a day behind a machine that 2 people work on and was checking 100,000 cards. I was making different bundles, checking the cards and preparing to put pin and serial number and boxing them. To put a label on each of them we had to bend and turn our hands and neck many times. Our neck and hands also had to do repletion work to install 10 big labels on each machine, and lift 1 to 15 kilos boxed full of cards.

Cleaning the machines and the work space and the cleaning the eating area by a heavy duty vacuum cleaner and emptying the garbage bags also gave me neck and hand pain.

I do not know why, but when my employer was asked on Form 7 if any other person was injured in the work place he said "no" when I know a workers who also cannot work from the same problem I have. I told the company many times the work was causing problems. . on November 15, 2010 the boss told me: "Lady, here everybody suffers from hand pain and it is better to continue your job". I worked in pain because I was afraid for my income and I have a daughter to support. I worked until I could not even hold a cup of tea for 20 seconds in my hand.

My employer should have helped me. Instead, once I had pain, he started to treat me badly. He said nasty things about immigrants who do not want to work. He said "I will not let you stay home. He wanted me to sign a letter of resignation.

I am afraid the compensation board will want me to go back to the same employer who does not want me.

I heard that the WCB gives money for employers who save money and prevent compensation costs. But who pays for this?

If the employer had listened to me he would have fixed the machine, and make us work without getting injured. Instead of making the work safer, the employer wanted to save money by getting me to resign or go away.

In my opinion there is a good solution. Employers should make the workplace safe. Instead, they get money by treating the injured workers very badly, like they did to me. I hope you can fix this problem and I hope to have some peace of mind and financial security while I suffer from my injury.