

Are Employers Liable if Workers get Sick with COVID-19? As Businesses Prepare to Reopen, Worker Safety is a Priority

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Jeremy Glenn was quoted in the *Chicago Tribune* discussing the workers' compensation program, which allows employees to collect benefits for workplace injuries or illnesses without proving their employer was at fault. This was generally considered an exclusive remedy, meaning employees are prohibited from filing a civil suit for negligence against their employers. That arrangement tends to be beneficial for employers because it heads off negligence lawsuits that carry higher damages for pain and suffering, and without employers could be exposed to a greater cost of litigation, said Jeremy.

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