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President's Voice

The PFIW is now able to get donated software from participating companies. TechSoup.org is the web site that all the doanatin companies use to distribute their donations. Computers and other hardware items are also available for PFIW Chapters. If your Chapter needs software or hardware for its operation and you have trouble creating an account at TechSoup.org contact me for help.



The new Microsoft Office Professional Plus Suite is available to any Chapter for only \$20 a copy & license. With this suite amazing things can be created. I hope everyone of the Chapter Officers will get a copy for use on the computer they use for PFIW business.

Now that the software & hardware is available to the PFIW I am seeking traing for anyone who wants or needs it for the new software. If you have the basics of Microsoft Office software picking up on the new Office Suite will be a breeze.

The PFIW Board of Directors is seeking new members to serve on the Board. If you want to become a member contact me and I will setup an interview session for you with the Board. We need active members who want to really make a difference in the PFIW.

The PFIW has lost the Delaware Chapter again. I hope to get it up and running again as soon as I find someone to run it. If anyone is interested and you live in Delaware County contact me for further information.

Property Tax Relief

I would like to inform everyone that the application deadline to file for the state's Property Tax/Rent Rebate program has been extended from June 30 to Dec. 31, 2007.

Eligible participants can receive a rebate of up to \$650 based on their rent or property taxes paid in 2006. The 2006 Pennsylvania Department of Revenue Property Tax/Rent Rebate report shows that more than 460,000 claims have been filed for this year's rebates.

The program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians who are 65 years or older, widows and widowers 50 years or older,

and those 18 years or older with disabilities.

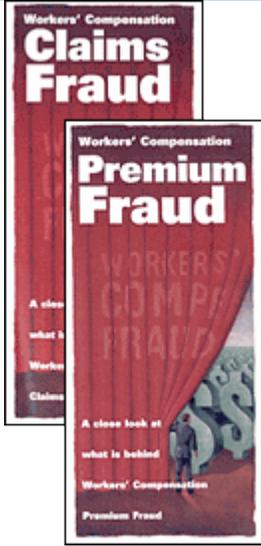
income limits for homeowners were recently expanded to the following levels, excluding 50 percent of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and Railroad Retirement Tier 1 benefits:

- \$0 and \$8,000- \$650 rebate (Homeowners and renters)
- \$8,001 to \$15,000- \$500 rebate (Homeowners and renters)
- \$15,001 to \$18,000- \$300 rebate (Homeowners only)

- \$18,001 to \$35,000- \$250 rebate (Homeowners only)

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program is one of four programs supported by the Pennsylvania Lottery, which dedicates its proceeds to support programs for older Pennsylvanians. Since the program began in 1971, more than \$3.76 billion has been paid to qualified applicants.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to save yourself some money. If you have trouble filing the paperwork your PA Senator or Representative can help you file. They have personnel that have the expertise to get it done.



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No mention about false evidence in the court room!

Worker's Compensation Fraud

Worker's Compensation Insurance Fraud include two sets of crimes:

Examples of claims fraud include a worker who:

- Fakes an injury at work to get paid time off
- Exaggerates the severity of a legitimate injury to extend time off work
- Claims an injury occurred on the job when it actually occurred somewhere else
- An injured worker obtains another job and lies to the insurance company about being unable to return to work. In essence, he/she collects two pay-checks

Examples of premium fraud include an employer who:

- Understates the amount of company payroll to reduce premium payments
- Claims employees are independent contactors
- Classifies employees with improper job codes that carry lower premiums
- Fails to carry worker's compensation insurance

Who Do You Know?

Do you know them?

You should, they write the legislation that governs workers compensation. E-mail or call these legislators often about your concerns on workers' compensation. The only way we can get good legislation that benefits injured workers is to contact these legislators when an issue you run into comes up and effects your workers' compensation claim in a negative way. What we hear here at the PFIW headquarters when we contact them about problems they tell us they have not heard from anyone else. We need to change that, so make contact and make it often.

They want to hear from you!

*Don't sit back and hope
that someone else will
contact them about your
workers' compensation
problem!*



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An injured worker pharmacy that will go the distance for you!

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Pharmacy Hours

**Monday thru Friday
7:30 AM - 6:00 PM EST**

**Saturday
9:00 AM—Noon EST**

Injured Worker Pharmacy

IWP is a national pharmacy service working on behalf of injured individuals. As an advocate for those who have been injured, IWP takes the financial burden out of the medication process by shipping medications directly to the patient and collecting payment from the insurance company.

IWP is fully licensed in 48 states. Our state-of-the-art facility offers a full range of pharmaceuticals to ease pain and discomfort an injury can cause. We are not a warehouse with prepackaged pharmaceutical solutions. Each patient's needs are met on a personal level by our dedicated team of pharmacists.

In addition, we are a powerful resource to those who represent injured individuals. We serve attorneys and physicians by minimizing their staff's time and expense spent on medication and reimbursement issues.

IWP is not affiliated with any insurance company or managed care provider.

Return-to-Work

A Model for Pennsylvania Business and Industry



We must work to create a safety culture where we think about and take responsibility for our own personal safety as well as that of our coworkers. Safety is a 24-hour a day responsibility. The moment this is forgotten, we open the door for injuries and illnesses to occur."

--Stephen M. Schmerin, Secretary, PA Department of Labor & Industry

Workplace injuries, illnesses, and accidents are costly to employers, workers, and the compensation partnership. Although preventing injuries is the best way to protect workers and to control workers' compensation costs, employers and workers need a way to manage injuries if they occur

Return-to-Work (R-T-W) is a proactive approach, endorsed by many health care providers, designed to help restore injured workers to their former lifestyle in the safest and most effective manner possible. A partnership among workers, union representatives, employers, and health care providers is developed in a collaborative effort to return the injured worker back to his or her pre-injury status.

This web page is designed to assist Pennsylvania employers and employees with the process of establishing Return-to-Work programs. Contents include a step-by-step guide for establishing a Return-to-Work program and samples of power point presentations, forms, letters, and much more. Please take advantage of these valuable resources as you begin the journey to creating your own Return-to-Work program!

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The PFIW is always here for injured workers & workplace safety.

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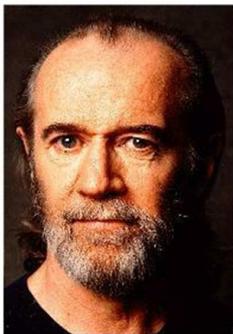
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YES, I'M A BAD AMERICAN



By: George Carlin

I Am Your Worst Nightmare. I am a BAD American. I am George Carlin.

I believe the money I make belongs to me and my family, not some mid level governmental functionary be it Democrat or Republican!

I'm in touch with my feelings and I like it that way!

I think owning a gun doesn't make you a killer; it makes you a smart American.

I think being a minority does not make you noble or victimized, and does not entitle you to anything.

I believe that if you are selling me a Big Mac, do it in English.

I believe everyone has a right to pray to his or her God when and where they want to.

My heroes are John Wayne, Babe Ruth, Roy Rogers, and whoever canceled Jerry Springer.

I don't hate the rich. I don't pity the poor.

I know wrestling is fake and I don't waste my time watching or arguing about it.

I've never owned a slave, or was a slave, I haven't burned any witches or been persecuted by the Turks and neither have you! So, shut up already.

I believe if you don't like the way things are here, go back to where you came from and change your own country! This is AMERICA.

I want to know which church is it exactly where the Reverend Jesse Jackson preaches, where he gets his money, and why he is always part of the problem and not the solution. Can I get an AMEN on that one?

I think the cops have every right to shoot your sorry rear if you're running from them.

I also think they have the right to pull you over if you're breaking the law, regardless of what color you are.

And, no, I don't mind having my face shown on my driver's license. I think it's good..... and I'm proud that "God" is written on my money.

I think if you are too stupid to know how a ballot works, I don't want you deciding who should be running the most powerful nation in the world for the

next four years.

I dislike those people standing in the intersections trying to sell me stuff or trying to guilt me into making "donations" to their cause.

I believe that it doesn't take a village to raise a child, it takes two parents.

And what is going on with gas prices... again?

I believe "illegal" is illegal no matter what the lawyers think.

I believe the American flag should be the only one allowed in AMERICA!

If this makes me a BAD American, then yes, I'm a BAD American.

If you are a BAD American too, please forward this to everyone you know.

We want our country back!

