

You can be fined or jailed for making false and fraudulent claims under WICA

Under the Work Injury Compensation Act (WICA), employees are entitled to claim compensation from their employers if they are injured by accident due to work.

Employers and employees are, however, warned not to abuse this entitlement.

Find out what happened to these offenders who abused the WICA for their own benefit.

Jailed for false claims

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Worker jailed six weeks for making a fraudulent claim and for making false statements under the WICA

A worker, Govindan Raja (Raja) injured his shoulder after falling down a staircase in his dormitory after work. To claim compensation for his injury, he lied that he fell from heights while at work.

MOM charged Raja under the WICA for making a fraudulent claim and for making false statements to MOM. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six weeks in jail.

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Company Director jailed two weeks for making false statements under the WICA

A company director, Wong Kok Kong (Wong), informed a MOM investigation officer that his employee injured himself after falling from a vehicle while unloading goods at his company store.

MOM investigation uncovered that Wong knew the accident occurred within a worksite but lied about the location because he wanted to delink the accident from the worksite.

MOM charged Wong under the WICA for making false statements to MOM. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two weeks in jail.

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Worker jailed one week for making a false statement under the WICA

A worker, Sim Swee San (Sim), informed a MOM investigation officer that he injured himself after accidentally tripping over a road barrier while unloading materials from a lorry.

MOM investigation uncovered that Sim actually injured himself during his tea break. He was charged under WICA for making a false statement to MOM.

He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one week in jail.



IMPORTANT

It is an offence under the Work Injury Compensation Act (WICA) to make a fraudulent claim. Those who are found guilty will face a fine not exceeding \$15,000 or imprisonment for a term not more than 12 months or both. In addition, it is an offence to give a false statement under the WICA and offenders can be fined up to \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or both.

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