Common forms of workers' compensation fraud include:
- Faking an injury or illness in order to collect workers' compensation benefits
- Claiming that a work-related injury or illness is more severe than it really is
- Claiming that an injury which occurred in another location happened in the workplace
- Collecting workers' compensation benefits long after an injury has healed

These actions are illegal. Under the Louisiana Workers' Compensation law [Louisiana Revised Statutes, Section 23:1208], it is unlawful:
- For any person, for the purpose of counseling or defeating any workers' compensation benefit payment for themselves (himself) or another person, to willfully make a false statement or representation.
- For any person, either directly or indirectly, to aid and abet an employer or claimant or counsel an employer or claimant to willfully make a false statement or representation.

What can happen to you?
- Any person who violates these provisions of the Workers' Compensation law will be subject to punishment based on the value of the benefits or payment obtained. [L.R.S., Section 23:1208(C)]
  - $10,000 or more: The person shall be imprisoned (with or without hard labor) for up to 10 years, fined up to $10,000, or both.
  - Between $2,500 and $10,000: The person shall be imprisoned (with or without hard labor) for up to 5 years, fined up to $5,000, or both.
  - Less than $2,500: The person shall be imprisoned (with or without hard labor) for up to 6 months, fined up to $500, or both.

Any person who violates these provisions of the Workers' Compensation law may also be assessed civil penalties by the workers' compensation judge or not less than $500 or more than $5,000 and may be ordered to make restitution for benefits claimed or payments obtained through fraud. [L.R.S. Section 23:1208(D)]

Any employee who violates these provisions of the Workers' Compensation law will, upon determination by a workers' compensation judge, forfeit any right to compensation benefits. [L.R.S. 23:1208(E)]