

## **WHAT IS A VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT?**

This is a document by which the employer voluntarily acknowledges that the employee was injured in a compensable accident. The employer is admitting that the accident happened during the course of employment, thereby alleviating this burden from the employee. This is not to say that there cannot be future disagreements about the nature and extent of the employee's injuries or how much money he should receive for his injuries. The form sets forth various information about the nature of the injuries, the compensation rate at which the employee shall be paid, the date of the injury and other relevant injury. The employee and employer must both sign this agreement. The voluntary agreement is not a final agreement but only an intermediate agreement in which the employer acknowledges that the accident happened on the clock, and that the employee is entitled to whatever benefits he can prove are due to him.