**Section 300.1150 Failure of a Party to Appear at a Formal Hearing**

a) Failure of a claimant to appear at a scheduled formal hearing may result in dismissal of the claim. If the hearing or any party's appearance is by telephone, failure of that party to inform the ALJ of the telephone number at which he or she can be reached, or failure to answer the telephone at the scheduled time, may result in dismissal of the claim.

b) Failure of the employer to appear at a scheduled formal hearing shall cause the ALJ to issue a decision based on the evidence introduced and the evidence of record. If the hearing or the employer's appearance is by telephone, failure of the employer to inform the ALJ of the telephone number at which the employer can be reached, or failure to answer the telephone at the scheduled time, shall cause the ALJ to issue a decision based on the evidence introduced and the evidence of the record.

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