

# LABOR LAWS

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# EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

# **EMPLOYEE RIGHTS** EMPLOYEE POLYGRAPH PROTECTION ACT

The Employee Polygraph Protection Act prohibits most private employers from using lie detector tests either for pre-employment screening or during the course of employment

## PROHIBITIONS

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Employers are generally prohibited from requiring or requesting any employee or job applicant to take a lie detector test, and from discharging, disciplining, or discriminating against an employee or prospective employee for refusing to take a test or for exercising other rights under the Act.

## EXEMPTIONS

Federal, State and local governments are not affected by the law. Also, the law does not apply to tests given by the Federal Government to certain private individuals engaged in national security-related activities.

The Act permits polygraph (a kind of lie detector) tests to be administered in the private sector, subject to restrictions, to certain prospective employees of security service firms (armored car, alarm, and guard), and of pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors and dispensers.

The Act also permits polygraph testing, subject to restrictions, of certain employees of private firms who are reasonably suspected of involvement in a workplace incident (theft, embezzlement, etc.) that resulted in economic loss to the employer.

The law does not preempt any provision of any State or local law or any collective bargaining agreement which is more restrictive with respect to lie detector tests.

## **EXAMINEE RIGHTS**

Where polygraph tests are permitted, they are subject to numerous strict standards concerning the conduct and length of the test. Examinees have a number of specific rights, including the right to a written notice before testing, the right to refuse or discontinue a test, and the right not to have test results disclosed to unauthorized persons.

## ENFORCEMENT

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The Secretary of Labor may bring court actions to restrain violations and assess civil penalties against violators. Employees or job applicants may also bring their own court actions.

## THE LAW REQUIRES EMPLOYERS TO DISPLAY THIS POSTER WHERE EMPLOYEES AND JOB APPLICANTS CAN READILY SEE IT.





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# YOUR RIGHTS UNDER USERRA THE UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT

USERRA protects the job rights of individuals who voluntarily or involuntarily leave employment positions to undertake military service or certain types of service in the National Disaster Medical System. USERRA also prohibits employers from discriminating against past and present members of the uniformed services, and applicants to the uniformed services.

## REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

- You have the right to be reemployed in your civilian job if you leave that job to perform service in the uniformed service and:
- you ensure that your employer receives advance written or verbal notice of your service;
- you have five years or less of cumulative service in the uniformed services while with that particular employer;
- you return to work or apply for reemployment in a timely manner after conclusion of service; and you have not been separated from service with a disqualifying
- discharge or under other than honorable conditions
- If you are eligible to be reemployed, you must be restored to the job and benefits you would have attained if you had not been absent due to military service or, in some cases, a comparable job.

#### **RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION AND** RETALIATION

while in the military Even if you don't elect to continue coverage during your military service, you have the right to be reinstated in your employer's health plan when you are reemployed, generally without any waiting periods or exclusions (e.g., pre-existing condition exclusions) except for service-connected illnesses or injuries.

**HEALTH INSURANCE PROTECTION** 

# **ENFORCEMENT**

The U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) is authorized to investigate and resolve complaints of USERRA violations.

If you leave your job to perform military service, you have the

right to elect to continue your existing employer-based health

plan coverage for you and your dependents for up to 24 months

For assistance in filing a complaint, or for any other information on USERRA, contact VETS at **1-866-4-USA-DOL** or visit its website at https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets/. An interactive online USERRA Advisor can be viewed at

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

# THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

## **LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS**

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Eligible employees who work for a covered employer can take up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave in a 12-month period for the following reasons:

- The birth of a child or placement of a child for adoption or foster care;
- To bond with a child (leave must be taken within 1 year of the child's birth or placement);
- To care for the employee's spouse, child, or parent who has a qualifying serious health condition;
- For the employee's own qualifying serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the employee's job;
- For qualifying exigencies related to the foreign deployment of a military member who is the employee's spouse, child, or parent.

An eligible employee who is a covered servicemember's spouse, child, parent, or next of kin may also take up to 26 weeks of FMLA leave in a single 12-month period to care for the servicemember with a serious injury or illness.

An employee does not need to use leave in one block. When it is medically necessary or otherwise permitted, employees may take leave intermittently or on a reduced schedule.

Employees may choose, or an employer may require, use of accrued paid leave while taking FMLA leave. If an employee substitutes accrued paid leave for FMLA leave, the employee must comply with the employer's normal paid leave policies.

## **BENEFITS & PROTECTIONS**

While employees are on FMLA leave, employers must continue health insurance coverage as if the employees were not on leave.

Upon return from FMLA leave, most employees must be restored to the same job or one nearly identical to it with equivalent pay, benefits, and other employment terms and conditions.

An employer may not interfere with an individual's FMLA rights or retaliate against someone for using or trying to use FMLA leave, opposing any practice made unlawful by the FMLA, or being involved in any proceeding under or related to the FMLA.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

An employee who works for a covered employer must meet three criteria in order to be eligible for FMLA leave. The employee must:

- Have worked for the employer for at least 12 months;
- Have at least 1,250 hours of service in the 12 months before taking leave;\* and
- Work at a location where the employer has at least 50 employees within 75 miles of the employee's worksite.

\*Special "hours of service" requirements apply to airline flight crew employees.

# **REQUESTING LEAVE**

Generally, employees must give 30-days' advance notice of the need for FMLA leave. If it is not possible to give 30-days' notice, an employee must notify the employer as soon as possible and, generally, follow the employer's usual procedures.

Employees do not have to share a medical diagnosis, but must provide enough information to the employer so it can determine if the leave gualifies for FMLA protection. Sufficient information could include informing an employer that the employee is or will be unable to perform his or her job functions, that a family member cannot perform daily activities, or that hospitalization or continuing medical treatment is necessary. Employees must inform the employer if the need for leave is for a reason for which FMLA leave was previously taken or certified.

Employers can require a certification or periodic recertification supporting the need for leave. If the employer determines that the certification is incomplete, it must provide a written notice indicating what additional information is required.

# **EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES**

Once an employer becomes aware that an employee's need for leave is for a reason that may qualify under the FMLA, the employer must notify the employee if he or she is eligible for FMLA leave and, if eligible, must also provide a notice of rights and responsibilities under the FMLA. If the employee is not eligible, the employer must provide a reason for ineligibility. Employers must notify its employees if leave will be designated as FMLA leave, and if so, how much leave will be designated as FMLA leave.

# **ENFORCEMENT**

Employees may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, or may bring a private lawsuit against an employer.

The FMLA does not affect any federal or state law prohibiting discrimination or supersede any state or local law or collective bargaining agreement that provides greater family or medical leave

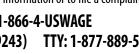
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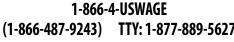


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WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

\$12.00 MISSOURI MINIMUM WAGE IN EFFECT FOR PRIVATE EMPLOYERS FOR 2023 The minimum wage rate will increase 85 cents each year through 2023 for all private, non-exempt businesses. Missouri Minimum Wage law does not

apply to public employers, nor does it allow the state's minimum wage rate to be lower than the federal minimum wage rate.

# TIPPED EMPLOYEES

Employers are required to pay tipped employees at least 50 percent of the minimum wage, \$6.00 per hour, plus any amount necessary to bring the employee's total compensation to a minimum of \$12.00 per hour.

## are also required to provide a place, other than a bathroom, that is shielded from view and free from intrusion from coworkers and the public, which may be used by

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the employee to express breast milk.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

of Puerto Rico

comply with both

The Department has authority to recover back wages and an equal amount

in liquidated damages in instances of minimum wage, overtime, and other

violations. The Department may litigate and/or recommend criminal prosecution.

violation of the minimum wage or overtime pay provisions of the law. Civil money

penalties may also be assessed for violations of the FLSA's child labor provisions.

Heightened civil money penalties may be assessed for each child labor violation

assessments may be doubled when the violations are determined to be willful or

repeated. The law also prohibits retaliating against or discharging workers who file

Certain occupations and establishments are exempt from the minimum

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Commonwealth

Some state laws provide greater employee protections; employers must

Some employers incorrectly classify workers as "independent contractors"

when they are actually employees under the FLSA. It is important to know

the difference between the two because employees (unless exempt) are

entitled to the FLSA's minimum wage and overtime pay protections and

Certain full-time students, student learners, apprentices, and workers

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with disabilities may be paid less than the minimum wage under special

correctly classified independent contractors are not.

certificates issued by the Department of Labor.

that results in the death or serious injury of any minor employee, and such

Special provisions apply to workers in American Samoa, the

a complaint or participate in any proceeding under the FLSA.

wage, and/or overtime pay provisions.

Employers may be assessed civil money penalties for each willful or repeated

# FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE **\$7.25 PER HOUR BEGINNING JULY 24, 2009**

The law requires employers to display this poster where employees can readily see it.

## **OVERTIME PAY**

At least 11/2 times the regular rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek.

## **CHILD LABOR**

An employee must be at least 16 years old to work in most non-farm jobs and at least 18 to work in non-farm iobs declared hazardous by the Secretary of Labor. Youths 14 and 15 years old may work outside school hours in various non-manufacturing, non-mining, non-hazardous jobs with certain work hours restrictions. Different rules apply in agricultural employment.

## **TIP CREDI1**

Employers of "tipped employees" who meet certain conditions may claim a partial wage credit based on tips received by their employees. Employers must pay tipped employees a cash wage of at least \$2.13 per hour if they claim a tip credit against their minimum wage obligation. If an employee's tips combined with the employer's cash wage of at least \$2.13 per hour do not equal the minimum hourly wage, the employer must make up the difference.

The FLSA requires employers to provide reasonable break time for a nursing

mother employee who is subject to the FLSA's overtime requirements in order for

child's birth each time such employee has a need to express breast milk. Employers

the employee to express breast milk for her nursing child for one year after the

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## NURSING MOTHERS

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## OVERTIME COMPENSATION Overtime compensation must also be paid at a rate of at least one and one-half times a covered employee's regular rate for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek. 1.5 X

EXCEPTIONS

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\$6.00

per hour

All businesses are required to pay, at minimum, the \$12.00 per hour rate, except retail and service businesses whose annual gross sales are less than \$500,000. The law does not apply to certain exempt employees/employers defined in Section 290.500(3), RSMo, and employees/employers pertaining to agriculture in Section 290.507, RSMo, nor does it supersede more favorable laws or interfere with collective bargaining agreement rights.



# **EMPLOYEE RIGHTS**

An employee not being paid the correct wages can file a minimum wage complaint at labor.mo.gov/DLS/MinimumWage and is entitled to pursue a private legal right of action to collect any wages due.

An employer who unlawfully pays sub-minimum wages will be liable for the full amount of wages due (plus twice the amount left unpaid as liquidated damages) less any amount actually paid. The employer is also liable for costs and reasonable attorney fees as may be allowed by the court or jury.

# LEARN MORE AT LABOR.MO.GOV/DLS/MINIMUMWAGE **DIVISION OF**

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<u> </u>		ghts Under the Fair Labor Standards Act posting, which indicates the ctates that the employee is entitled to the higher minimum wage rate.	
	THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURF	POSES ONLY.	
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MO	ment of Labor and Industrial Relations, Divisi	on of Labor Standards	

Industrial Relations, Division of Labor Standards **Required Poster:** 

# Employers Employing Workers Under the Age of 16

Youth Employment List Employers are required to post this list of employed youth under the age of 16 in the workplace.

SCHOOL TERM SHIFT NON-SCHOOL SHIFT NAME OF WORKER (7 а.м. — 7 р.м.) (7 а.м. — 9 р.м.) \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Work certificates are required for youth 14 to 15 years of age before they start employment at any job (other than in the entertainment industry) during the school year. No child under the age of 14 may be employed in any capacity (other than in the entertainment industry or in newspaper delivery, babysitting, occasional yard or farm work with parental consent, or some youth sporting events). Work certificates are issued by school officials or their designees (or a parent of a home-schooled child) only upon application requested in person by the child with the written consent of his/her parent, legal custodian or guardian or, if deemed necessary, by the issuing officer, the child shall be accompanied by his parent, guardian or custodian.

<ul> <li>are a past or present member of the uniformed service;</li> <li>have applied for membership in the uniformed service; or</li> <li>have applied for membership in the uniformed service; or</li> <li>initial employment;</li> <li>retention in employment;</li> <li>retention in employment;</li> <li>retention in employment;</li> <li>any benefit of employment;</li> <li>retention in employment;</li> <li>any benefit of employment;</li> <li>retention in employment;</li> <li>any benefit of employment;</li> <li>retention in employment;</li> <li>and dition, an employer may not retaliate against anyone assisting in the enforcement of USERRA rights, including testifying or making a statement in connection with a proceeding under USERRA, even if that person has no</li> </ul>					
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MO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS					
NOTICE TO WORKERS					
Your employer is subject to the Missouri Employment Security Law and pays tax contributions to cover unemployment insurance (UI) benefits in case you become unemployed through no fault of your own. <b>Nothing is deducted from your pay to cover its cost.</b>					
WHEN TO APPLY FOR UI BENEFITS					
<ul> <li>If you are unemployed, laid off or working less than full time; or</li> <li>If you lose your job through no fault of your own or quit for a valid reason related to the work or the employer; and</li> <li>If you are able to work, available for work and actively seeking employment.</li> </ul>					
<ul> <li>HOW TO APPLY FOR UI BENEFITS</li> <li>To apply, visit <u>uinteract.labor.mo.gov</u> to create a new user account and file your initial claim; or</li> <li>If you do not have Internet access, call a Regional Claims Center during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.</li> </ul>					
Jefferson City					
Kansas City					
Outside Local Calling Area					
If you believe someone is fraudulently collecting unemployment benefits, email <u>ReportUIFraud@labor.mo.gov</u> or call 573-751-4058, option 5.					

### **PROPER WORKER CLASSIFICATION**

Missouri law defines who is considered an employee or an independent contractor. Businesses that improperly treat workers as independent contractors have an unfair competitive advantage. Improperly classified workers miss out on unemployment benefits, workers' compensation coverage and employer tax contributions. If you think you may be improperly classified or suspect a business of improperly classifying workers, visit labor.mo.gov/offthebooks or call 573-751-1099.

LEARN MORE AT LABOR.MO.GOV/UNEMPLOYED-WORKERS

P.O. Box 59

### DIVISION OF **EMPLOYMENT**

SECURITY



PHONE

**IMPORTANT:** If needed, call 573-751-9040 for assistance in the translation and understanding of the information in this document. ;IMPORTANTE! : Si es necesario, llame el 573-751-9040 para asistencia en la traducción y entendimiento de la información en este Missouri Division of Employment Security is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request

### to individuals with disabilities. TDD/TTY: 800-735-2966 Relay Missouri: 711. MODES-B-2 AI

# Division of Workers' Compensation

## EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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The Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) administers programs for workers who have been injured on the job or exposed to an occupational disease arising out of and in the course of employment. The Division's Administrative Law Judges have the authority to approve ements or issue awards after a hearin

MISSOURI DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION P.O. Box 58, JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65102 573-751-4231

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# **Job Safety and Health** IT'S THE LAW!

The school official has the right to deny a certificate if deemed not in the best interest of the youth. School officials should keep copies of certificates issued, and 

	Unacceptable Types of Work an	ld Workp	laces for All Youth Under 16		
	<ul> <li>Door-to-door sales (excluding churches, schools, scouts)</li> <li>Operating hazardous equipment: ladders, scaffolding, freight elevators, cranes, hoisting machines, man lifts, etc.</li> <li>Handling/maintaining power-driven machinery (with the exception of lawn/garden machinery in a domestic setting) (<u>RSMo 294.011(7)(c)</u>, and <u>RSMo 294.040(1)</u>)</li> <li>Mining, quarrying, or stone cutting/polishing (except in jewelry stores)</li> <li>Transporting or handling Type A and B explosives or ammunition</li> <li>Operation of any motor vehicle</li> </ul>	· · ·	Metal-producing industries including stamping, punching, cold rolling, shearing, or heating Saw mills or cooperage stock (barrel) mills or where woodworking machinery is used Jobs involving ionizing or non-ionizing radiation or radioactive substances Jobs in hotels, motels, or resorts unless the work performed is physically separated from the sleeping accommodations Jobs in any establishment in which alcoholic beverages are sold, manufactured, bottled or stored unless 50 percent of the workplace sales are generated from other goods Any job dangerous to the life, limb, health, or morals of youth		
	Acceptable Work Hours for 14 and 15 year olds				
	Between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. during the school term	•	No more than eight hours a day on non-school days		
	Between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. during non-school term	•	No more than six days or 40 hours in a week		
•	No more than three hours a day on school days				
Please contact the Missouri Division of Labor Standards at 573-751-3403, or email us at <u>YouthEmployment@labor.mo.gov</u> or go to <u>www.labor.mo.gov/DLS</u> if you have questions or need additional copies of this list.					
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# COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS DISCRIMINATION



sex, disability, or age (40 through 69).

If you believe you have been discriminated against in regard to employment, you may contact us about filing a complaint of discrimination using the information below.

Note: complaints must be filed within 180 days of the alleged discrimination.



MISSOURI COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

### Email: mchr@labor.mo.gov

421 East Dunklin Street P.O. Box 1129 Jefferson City, MO 65102-1129 573-751-3325

#### Toll-free Discrimination Complaint Hotline: 877-781-4236 TDD/TTY: 800-735-2966 Relay Missouri: 711

The statutory purpose of the Missouri Commission on Human Rights is to prevent and eliminate discrimination based on rotected categories under the Missouri Human Rights Act (Act) n employment, housing, and places of public accommodations through education and the enforcement of the Act.

The Missouri Commission on Human Rights is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

The Missouri Human Rights Act makes it illegal to discriminate in any aspect of employment because of an individual's race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry,

private, regularly undertaking with or without compensation to procure employees for an employer or to procure for employees opportunities to work for an employer.

## THE MISSOURI HUMAN RIGHTS ACT APPLIES TO:

- Private employers with six or more employees.
- All employment agencies.
- All apprenticeship or training programs.
- All state and local government agencies. • All labor organizations.

#### DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES PROHIBITED BY THE MISSOURI HUMAN RIGHTS ACT INCLUDE:

- Hiring and firing; compensation, assignment, or classification of employees; transfer, promotion, layoff, or recall; job advertisements, recruitment, testing, use of company facilities, training, and apprenticeship programs; fringe benefits, pay, retirement plans, or disability leave; or other terms and conditions of employment.
- Harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, disability, or age.
- Retaliating against an individual for filing a complaint of discrimination, participating in a discrimination investigation or hearing, or opposing discriminatory practices.
- Discriminating in any aspect or employment against an

settlements or issue awards after a nearing relating to an injured employees entitlement to benefits.	
<ul> <li>Steps to Take When Injured on the Job</li> <li>Notify your employer immediately (written notice must be provided within 30 days of the accident/or 30 days after the diagnosis of any occupational disease or repetitive trauma) by contacting</li> </ul>	Insurance Company, Third Party Administrator, Service Company, or Designated Individual If Self-Insured Name
EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVE	

#### PHONE NUMBER \*Failure to do so may jeopardize your ability to receive benefits Ask your employer to provide medical treatment (your employer/insurer is

responsible for providing medical treatment and paying the medical fees and charges unless you choose to treat with another doctor at your own expense without your employer/insurer's approval) Get more information about the benefits available under the Workers' Compensation Program or about the steps you may take to get the benefits you need.

# Visit www.labor.mo.gov/DWC or call 800-775-COMP.

#### **Benefits for Injured Employees** Medical Care:

The employer or insurer is required to provide medical treatment and care that is reasonably required to cure and relieve the effects of the injury. This includes all costs for authorized medical treatment, prescriptions, and medical devices. This includes all costs for authorized medical treatment, prescriptions, and medical devices. There is no deductible, and all costs are paid by the employer or its workers' compensation insurance company. If you receive a bill, contact your employer or the insurance company immediately. The employer/insurer has the right to choose the healthcare provider or treating physician. You may select a different healthcare provider or treating physician, but if you do so, it may be at your own expense.

### **Payment for Lost Wages:**

- If a doctor says you are unable to work due to your injuries or recovery from a surgery, you may be entitled to **temporary total disability** (TTD) benefits. If a doctor says that you can perform light or modified duty work and your employer offers you such work, you may not be eligible for TTD benefits. TTD benefits should be continued until the doctor says you can return to work, or when your treatment is concluded because your condition has
- reached "maximum medical improvement," whichever occurs first. If you return to light or modified duty at less than full pay, you may be entitled to temporary partial disability benefits.
- Permanent Disability Benefits:

If the injury or illness results in a permanent disability, you may be entitled to receive either permanent partial or permanent total disability benefits. Survivor Benefits:

If a work-related injury causes an employee's death, the surviving dependents may receive weekly death benefits paid at 66 2/3% of the deceased employee's average weekly wage along with funeral expenses up to \$5,000 from the employer/insurer. For additional information relating to survivor's benefits, including college scholarship opportunities for surviving children, please visit www.labor.mo.gov/DWC.

#### Additional Benefits for Occupational Diseases Due to Toxic Exposure - Permanent Total Disability and/or Death: For information relating to additional benefits available, please refer to the Division's website at www.labor.mo.gov/DWC/Injured\_Workers/benefits\_available.

\*\*Make sure your data is turned on and scan the QR Code with your smartphone's camera to go to the Division of Workers Compensation's Website for more information. If you are not redirected, you may need to update your smartphone's operating system or download a QR Code reader app.

Workers' Compensation Law Roles and Responsibilities for Employers and Employees

## EMPLOYER INFORMATION

With some exceptions, all employers with five or more employees, and construction industry employers with one or more employees, are required to insure their workers' compensation liability, either by purchasing a policy or obtaining self-insurance authority. Workers' compensation insurance provides benefits to workers injured on the job. Employers also are required to post this notice in the workplace for employees to view. This poster is required by section 287.127, RSMo, and is available to employers and insurers free of charge by contacting the Division at 800-775-Comp.

## Steps to Take When an Injury Occurs

- Be sure first aid is administered and the employee is taken to a physician or hospital for further medical care, if necessary.
- Report the injury to the insurance company or Third Party Administrator (TPA) within five days of the date of injury or within five days of the date on which the injury was reported to the employer by the employee, whichever is later. The insurer, TPA, or Division approved self-insurer is responsible for filing a First Report of Injury with the Division of Workers' Compensation within 30 days of knowledge of the injury.
- Pay medical bills related to the work injury for treatment reasonably required to cure and relieve the employee of the effects of the injury. This includes all costs for authorized medical treatment, prescriptions, and medical devices. The employer has the right to choose the healthcare provider or treating physician. (The employee may select a different healthcare provider or treating physician, but if the employee does so, it may be at his/her own
- For more liability and insurance information relating to the Workers' Compensation Program, visit www.labor.mo.gov/DWC or call 800-775-COMP.

## Workers' Safety

Developing and implementing a comprehensive safety and health program can reduce occupational injuries and help lower workers' compensation costs. Insurance carriers in the state of Missouri must provide safety assistance at the request of the insured employer. The Missouri Department of Labor evaluates these services and provides additional assistance through its Missouri Workers' Safety Program. Visit www.labor.mo.gov/MWSP or call 573-751-4231 for more information about these programs or for a registry of independent consultants who are certified in the state of Missouri to provide safety assistance.

## Fraud/Noncompliance

Employee Fraud — knowingly making a claim for workers' compensation benefits to which an employee knows he/she is not entitled or knowingly presenting multiple claims for the same occurrence with intent to defraud is a class E felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000, or double the value of the fraud, whichever is greater. A subsequent violation is a class D felony.

Employer Fraud — knowingly misrepresenting an employee's job classification or any other fact to obtain insurance at less than the proper rate is a class A misdemeanor. A subsequent violation is a class E felony. An employer who knowingly makes a false or fraudulent statement regarding an employee's entitlement to benefits to discourage the worker from making a legitimate claim or who knowingly makes a false or fraudulent material statement or material representation to deny benefits to a worker is guilty of a class A misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000. A subsequent violation is a class D felony.

nsurer Fraud — knowingly and intentionally refusing to comply with workers' compensation obligations to which an insurance company or self-insurer knows an employee is entitled is a class E felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 or double the value of the fraud, whichever is greater. A subsequent violation is a class D felony.

knowingly failing to insure workers' compensation liability under the law is a class A misdemeanor punishable bv



# All workers have the right to:

- A safe workplace.
- Raise a safety or health concern with your employer or OSHA, or report a workrelated injury or illness, without being retaliated against.
- Receive information and training on job hazards, including all hazardous substances in your workplace.
- Request a confidential OSHA inspection of your workplace if you believe there are unsafe or unhealthy conditions. You have the right to have a representative contact OSHA on your behalf.
- Participate (or have your representative) participate) in an OSHA inspection and speak in private to the inspector.
- File a complaint with OSHA within 30 days (by phone, online or by mail) if you have been retaliated against for using your rights.
- See any OSHA citations issued to your employer.
- Request copies of your medical records, tests that measure hazards in the workplace, and the workplace injury and illness log.

This poster is available free from OSHA.

# Contact OSHA. We can help.

# **Employers must:**

- Provide employees a workplace free from recognized hazards. It is illegal to retaliate against an employee for using any of their rights under the law, including raising a health and safety concern with you or with OSHA, or reporting a work-related injury or illness.
- Comply with all applicable OSHA standards.
- Notify OSHA within 8 hours of a workplace fatality or within 24 hours of any work-related inpatient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye.
- Provide required training to all workers in a language and vocabulary they can understand.
- Prominently display this poster in the workplace.
- Post OSHA citations at or near the place of the alleged violations.

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