SECTION 7.05 – SAFETY BULLETIN BOARDS

Contact: Business Services @ Extension 4153

A. Overview

The purpose of the Safety Bulletin Board is to increase employee awareness of safety and health.

B. References

Accident Prevention Program – Site Handbook (Section 7.06)

Department of Labor & Industries Website: (www.lni.wa.gov/default.asp)

C. Guidelines

- Choose a location where there is greatest employee exposure (lunchroom, faculty room, break room, etc.).
- A specific bulletin board, or a specific portion of an existing board is to be designated and reserved exclusively for safety materials. No non-safety related items are allowed.
- Worn material is to be replaced periodically. Dated material is to be removed. An individual (and a back-up) should be designated and oriented in each working facility to maintain the bulletin board. It is recommended that, at a minimum, materials be reviewed annually.

D. Required Materials

- Job Safety & Health Protection Poster*
- Notice to Employees ~ If a Job Injury Occurs Poster*
- Your Rights as a Worker/Family Leave Provision Poster*
- Notice to Employees ~ Unemployment Poster*
- Employee Polygraph Protection Act Poster*
- Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 Poster*
- Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) Minimum Wage Poster (State and Federal)*
- Equal Employment Opportunity is the Law Poster and Supplement (http://www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/posters/pdf/eeopost.pdf)
- Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) Poster (http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/userra/poster.htm)
- Minutes of Last Safety Committee Meeting
- Map of Building Locating First Aid Kits
- List of Staff Members with Current First Aid/CPR Training
- Citation and Notice (If Appropriate)

^{*}You can order full-sized, color posters free from your local L&I office or you can print them from the web (www.lni.wa.gov/IPUB/101-054-000.pdf).



Job Safety and Health Law

It's the law!

Employers must post this notice where employees can read it.

The Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act (WISHA) protects the safety and health of employees on the job in Washington State (Chapter 49.17 RCW). Employers and employees: You should read this entire notice to understand your rights and responsibilities.

The Washington State Department of Labor & Industries (L&I), Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH), administers WISHA and:

- Inspects workplaces to identify hazards and improve safety.
- Investigates work-related fatalities, hospitalizations and complaints of unsafe workplaces.
- Provides free on-site consultations to help employers identify and fix hazards.
- Offers education and training to promote safer workplaces.

Contact us

This poster describes important parts of the law. Please contact us if you have questions about your rights or responsibilities.

Call: 1-800-423-7233 or 360-902-5495

Website: www.Lni.wa.gov/Safety

Mail: Division of Occupational Safety and Health

Department of Labor & Industries

P.O. Box 44600

Olympia WA 98504-4600

About required workplace posters

Go to www.Posters.Lni.wa.gov to learn more about workplace posters from L&I and other government agencies.

Employers — You have a legal obligation to protect employees on the job

Employers must provide workplaces free from recognized hazards that could cause employees serious harm or death.

Actions you must take

- Comply with all workplace safety and health rules that apply to your business, including developing and implementing a written accident prevention plan (also called an APP or safety program).
- Post this notice to inform your employees of their rights and responsibilities.
- Prior to job assignments, train employees how to prevent hazardous exposures and provide required personal protective equipment at no cost.
- Allow an employee representative to participate in an L&I safety/health inspection, without loss of wages or benefits. The L&I inspector may talk confidentially with a number of employees.

Firing or discriminating against any employee for filing a complaint or participating in an inspection, investigation, or opening or closing conference is illegal.

Citations and penalties

L&I will issue a citation if the inspector identifies violations of workplace safety and health rules. The citation will include a date for correcting them.

You must prominently display the citation at or near the place of the violation for a minimum of three days. You cannot remove it until you correct the violation.

L&I can fine you for failing to comply with workplace safety and health requirements. The law also provides for criminal penalties under certain conditions.

Appeals

- You may appeal any citation, penalty or abatement-correction due date.
- You must correct any serious violations by the correction due date even if you appeal.
- You may be granted a "stay" of this abatement requirement if you request it at the same time you appeal a violation.



Employees — You have a right to a safe and healthy workplace

Your employer must protect you from hazards you encounter on the job, tell you about them and provide training.

You have the right to:

- Notify your employer or L&I about workplace hazards. You may ask L&I to keep your name confidential.
- Request an L&I inspection of the place you work if you believe unsafe or unhealthy conditions exist. You or your employee representative may participate in an inspection.
- Get copies of your medical records, including records of exposures to toxic and harmful substances or conditions.
- File a complaint with L&I within 30 days if you believe your employer fired you, or retaliated or discriminated against you because you filed a safety complaint, participated in an inspection or other safety-related activity, or exercised any of your rights under WISHA. To file a discrimination complaint, go to www.Lni.wa.gov/Safety and click on "File a Complaint" or call 360-902-6088.
- Appeal a violation correction date if you believe the time allowed on the citation is not reasonable.

The law requires you to follow workplace safety and health rules that apply to your own actions and conduct on the job.

Employers must report a fatality or hospitalization

If one or more work-related deaths, probable deaths or in-patient hospitalizations occur, you must notify L&I DOSH within eight hours with the following information:

- Employer contact person and phone number.
- Name, address and location of the workplace.
- Date and time of the incident.
- Number of fatalities or hospitalized employees.
- Names of the employees.
- Brief description of what happened.

Where to report:

- Any local L&I office or
- 1-800-423-7233, press 1 (available 24/7)

The U.S. Department of Labor monitors the workplace safety and health program in Washington State. If you have a complaint about the administration of Washington's program, write to: Occupational Safety and Health Administration Region 10, 300 Fifth Ave., Ste. 1280, Seattle WA 98104-2442.

Other formats for persons with disabilities are available on request. Call 1-800-547-8367. TDD users, call 360-902-5797. L&I is an equal opportunity employer.



Notice to Employees



It's the law! Employers must post this notice where employees can read it (Revised Code of Washington 51.14.100).

If a job injury occurs

Your employer is self-insured. You are entitled to all of the benefits required by the state of Washington's workers' compensation (industrial insurance) laws. These benefits include medical treatment and partial wage replacement if your work-related injury or disease requires you to miss work. Compliance with these laws is regulated by the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I).

What you should do

Report your injury. If you are injured, no matter how minor the injury seems, contact the person listed on this poster.

Get medical care. The first time you see a doctor, you may choose any health-care provider who is qualified to treat your injury. For ongoing care, you must be treated by a doctor in the L&I medical network. (Find network providers at www.FindADoc.Lni.wa.gov.)

Qualified health-care providers include: medical, osteopathic, chiropractic, naturopathic and podiatric physicians; dentists; optometrists; ophthalmologists; physician assistants; and advanced registered nurse practitioners.

File your claim as soon as possible. For an on-the-job injury, you must file a claim with your employer within one year after the day the injury occurred. For an occupational disease, you must file a claim within two years following the date you are advised by a health-care provider in writing that your condition is work related.

To report an injury:

If you should become injured on the job or develop an occupational disease, immediately report your injury or condition to the person designated below:

Name:	
Phone:	

For additional information or help with a workers' compensation issue you can contact the Ombudsman for Self-Insured Injured Workers at 1-888-317-0493.

Other formats for persons with disabilities are available on request. Call 1-800-547-8367. TDD users, call 360-902-5797. L&I is an equal opportunity employer.

About required workplace posters Go to www.Posters.Lni.wa.gov to learn more about workplace posters from L&I and other government agencies. Self-Insurance Section Department of Labor & Industries P.O. Box 44890 Olympia WA 98504-4890

On the Web: www.Lni.wa.gov



Your Rights as a Worker

in Washington State

It's the law!

Employers must post this notice where employees can read it.

Wage and Hour Laws

Workers must be paid the Washington minimum wage

Workers in all industries who are 16 years of age or older must be paid at least the minimum wage for all hours worked. Workers who are 14 or 15 may be paid 85% of the minimum wage.

Need to know the current minimum wage? See "Contact L&I" below.

Tips cannot be counted as part of the minimum wage.

Overtime pay is due when working more than 40 hours

You must be paid one and one-half times your regular rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a fixed seven-day workweek that is designated by your employer.

Agricultural workers are generally exempt from overtime.

There are a few exceptions to minimum wage and overtime laws

A few occupations are not covered by minimum wage or overtime requirements under limited circumstances. See **www.WorkplaceRights. Lni.wa.gov** and click on "Minimum Wage" or "Overtime & Exemptions."

Unless you are exempt, you cannot waive the right to minimum wage or overtime pay.

Workers need meal and rest breaks

Most workers are entitled to a 30-minute unpaid meal period if working more than five hours in a day. If you must remain on duty or work during your meal period, you must be paid for the 30 minutes.

Most workers are entitled to a 10-minute paid rest break no later than the end of the third hour. Your employer may schedule the break or allow "mini" breaks, such as two five-minute rest breaks. Agricultural workers must have a 10-minute paid rest break within each four-hour period of work.

If you are under 18, check out the **Teen Corner** to see break requirements.

Your employer must schedule a regular payday

You must be paid at least once a month on a regularly scheduled payday. Your employer must give you a pay statement showing the number of hours worked, rate of pay, number of piece work units (if piece work), gross pay, the pay period and all deductions taken.

You must agree to deductions from pay

Your employer may deduct from your wages when required by state or federal law and for certain other deductions under an agreement between you and your employer. For complete information, go to www.WorkplaceRights.Lni.wa.gov and click on "Pay Requirements."

Teen Corner (information for teens age 14–17)

- The minimum age for work is generally 14, with different rules for ages 16—17 and for ages 14—15.
- Employers must have a minor work permit to employ teens. This requirement applies to family members except on family farms.
- Teens don't need a work permit; however, parents must sign the parent/school permission form provided by the employer. If you work during the school year, a school official must sign too.
- Many jobs are not allowed for anyone under 18 because they are not safe.
- Work hours are limited for teens; more restrictions apply during school weeks.
- If you are injured on the job, ask your health-care provider to help you file a workers' compensation claim.

Meal and rest breaks for teens

- In agriculture, teens of any age get a meal period of 30 minutes if working more than five hours, and a 10-minute paid break for each four hours worked.
- In all other industries, teens who are 16 or 17 must have a 30-minute meal period if working more than five hours, and a 10-minute paid break for each four hours worked. They must have the rest break at least every three hours.

Teens who are 14 or 15 must have a 30-minute meal period no later than the end of the fourth hour, and a 10-minute paid break for every two hours worked.

You can learn more about teen safety, work hours and prohibited jobs:

- Online www.TeenWorkers.Lni.wa.gov.
- Call or visit any L&I office or call toll-free: 1-866-219-7321.
- Email a question to TeenSafety@Lni.wa.gov.

Leave Laws

Family care, family leave and other leave-related laws are summarized below. To learn more, go to **www.WorkplaceRights.Lni.wa.gov** and click on "Leave & Benefits."

Washington Family Care Act: Use of paid leave to care for sick family

If you work for an employer with a paid-leave policy (sick, vacation, certain employer-provided short-term disability plans, or other paid time off), you are allowed to use your choice of paid leave to care for sick family. Family includes:

- Children under age 18 with a health condition that requires supervision or treatment.
- Spouse, registered domestic partner, parent, parent-in-law or grandparent with a serious or emergency health condition.
- Adult son or daughter incapable of self-care due to a disability.

Federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

The federal FMLA requires covered employers to provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid job-protected leave every 12 months to eligible employees for certain family and medical reasons. Employees are eligible if they:

- Worked for their employer for at least 1,250 hours over the previous 12 months; and
- The company has at least 50 employees within 75 miles. For more information, contact the U.S. Department of Labor at 1-866-487-9243 or visit www.dol.gov/whd/fmla.

Washington Family Leave Act: Additional leave for pregnancy and domestic partner care

Women who qualify for leave under the *federal* FMLA (above) may be entitled to *additional* state family leave for sickness or disability due to pregnancy. Also, Washington's Family Leave Act provides up to 12 weeks leave to FMLA-eligible registered domestic partners or same-sex spouses who need to care for an ill partner/spouse.

Pregnancy-related disability protected from discrimination

A woman with a pregnancy-related disability is entitled to time off and job protection if she works for an employer with eight or more employees. Her health-care provider determines the amount of time off needed. For more information, contact the Washington State Human Rights Commission at www.hum.wa.gov or call 1-800-233-3247.

Leave for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking

Victims and their family members are allowed to take reasonable leave from work for legal or law-enforcement assistance, medical treatment, counseling, relocation, meetings with their crime victim advocate or to protect their safety.

Leave for military spouses during deployment

Spouses or registered domestic partners of military personnel who receive notice to deploy or who are on leave from deployment during times of military conflict may take a total of 15 days unpaid leave per deployment.

Your employer may not fire you or retaliate against you for using your leave for these reasons or for filing a complaint alleging a violation of these leave laws.

Contact L&I

Need more information? Questions about filing a worker rights complaint?

Online: www.WorkplaceRights.Lni.wa.gov

Call: 1-866-219-7321, toll-free Visit: www.0ffices.Lni.wa.gov Email: ESgeneral@Lni.wa.gov

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Go to **www.Posters.Lni.wa.gov** to learn more about workplace posters from L&I and other government agencies.

Human trafficking is against the law

For victim assistance, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-3737-888, or the Washington State Office of Crime Victims Advocacy at 1-800-822-1067.

You may be eligible for

unemployment benefits

if you lose your job

Log onto www.esd.wa.gov to apply

To apply for unemployment, you will need:

- Your Social Security number.
- Names and addresses of everyone you worked for in the last two years.
- Dates you started and stopped working for each employer.
- Reasons you left each job.
- Your alien registration number if you are not a U.S. citizen.

If you were in the military within the last 24 months, we will also ask you to fax or mail us a copy of your discharge papers (Form DD214).

You can apply online unless:

- You worked in two or more states in the last 24 months.
- You worked in only one state other than Washington in the last 24 months.
- You were totally disabled for at least 13 consecutive weeks due to a work-related injury or a non-work related injury or illness, AND you were released for work by your doctor within the last 12 months.

You also can apply for unemployment over the phone

Call 800-318-6022 (TTY 800-365-8969). We are available to help you Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except on state holidays. We may be open extended hours during peak periods.

If your Social Security number ends with:

0 thru 3, call Monday 4 thru 7, call Tuesday 8 thru 9, call Wednesday

Please call on your designated day. If you miss your day, you may call on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of the same week without any delay in payment. Customers with active claims may call any day of the week.

You must look for work each week that you claim benefits

Visit WorkSource to find all the FREE resources you need to find a job. These include workshops, computers, copiers, phones, fax machines, Internet access, and newspapers. Log onto www.go2worksource.com to find the nearest office.

If your work hours have been reduced to part-time, you may qualify for partial unemployment benefits.

If you have been unemployed due to a work-related injury or non-work-related illness or injury and are now able to work again, you may be eligible for special unemployment benefits.



Employers are legally required to post this notice in a place convenient for employees to read (see RCW 50.20.140).

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

EMPLOYEE POLYGRAPH PROTECTION ACT

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

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

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

The Secretary of Labor may bring court actions to restrain violations and assess civil penalties up to \$10,000 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.



EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

Basic Leave Entitlement

FMLA requires covered employers to provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave to eligible employees for the following reasons:

- for incapacity due to pregnancy, prenatal medical care or child birth;
- to care for the employee's child after birth, or placement for adoption or foster care;
- to care for the employee's spouse, son, daughter or parent, who has a serious health condition; or
- for a serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the employee's job.

Military Family Leave Entitlements

Eligible employees whose spouse, son, daughter or parent is on covered active duty or call to covered active duty status may use their 12-week leave entitlement to address certain qualifying exigencies. Qualifying exigencies may include attending certain military events, arranging for alternative childcare, addressing certain financial and legal arrangements, attending certain counseling sessions, and attending post-deployment reintegration briefings.

FMLA also includes a special leave entitlement that permits eligible employees to take up to 26 weeks of leave to care for a covered service-member during a single 12-month period. A covered servicemember is: (1) a current member of the Armed Forces, including a member of the National Guard or Reserves, who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation or therapy, is otherwise in outpatient status, or is otherwise on the temporary disability retired list, for a serious injury or illness*; or (2) a veteran who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable at any time during the five-year period prior to the first date the eligible employee takes FMLA leave to care for the covered veteran, and who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy for a serious injury or illness.*

*The FMLA definitions of "serious injury or illness" for current servicemembers and veterans are distinct from the FMLA definition of "serious health condition".

Benefits and Protections

During FMLA leave, the employer must maintain the employee's health coverage under any "group health plan" on the same terms as if the employee had continued to work. Upon return from FMLA leave, most employees must be restored to their original or equivalent positions with equivalent pay, benefits, and other employment terms.

Use of FMLA leave cannot result in the loss of any employment benefit that accrued prior to the start of an employee's leave.

Eligibility Requirements

Employees are eligible if they have worked for a covered employer for at least 12 months, have 1,250 hours of service in the previous 12 months*, and if at least 50 employees are employed by the employer within 75 miles.

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

Definition of Serious Health Condition

A serious health condition is an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves either an overnight stay in a medical care facility, or continuing treatment by a health care provider for a condition that either prevents the employee from performing the functions of the employee's job, or prevents the qualified family member from participating in school or other daily activities.

Subject to certain conditions, the continuing treatment requirement may be met by a period of incapacity of more than 3 consecutive calendar days combined with at least two visits to a health care provider or one visit and a regimen of continuing treatment, or incapacity due to pregnancy, or incapacity due to a chronic condition. Other conditions may meet the definition of continuing treatment.

Use of Leave

An employee does not need to use this leave entitlement in one block. Leave can be taken intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule when medically necessary. Employees must make reasonable efforts to schedule leave for planned medical treatment so as not to unduly disrupt the employer's operations. Leave due to qualifying exigencies may also be taken on an intermittent basis.

Substitution of Paid Leave for Unpaid Leave

Employees may choose or employers may require use of accrued paid leave while taking FMLA leave. In order to use paid leave for FMLA leave, employees must comply with the employer's normal paid leave policies.

Employee Responsibilities

Employees must provide 30 days advance notice of the need to take FMLA leave when the need is foreseeable. When 30 days notice is not possible, the employee must provide notice as soon as practicable and generally must comply with an employer's normal call-in procedures.

Employees must provide sufficient information for the employer to determine if the leave may qualify for FMLA protection and the anticipated timing and duration of the leave. Sufficient information may include that the employee is unable to perform job functions, the family member is unable to perform daily activities, the need for hospitalization or continuing treatment by a health care provider, or circumstances supporting the need for military family leave. Employees also must inform the employer if the requested leave is for a reason for which FMLA leave was previously taken or certified. Employees also may be required to provide a certification and periodic recertification supporting the need for leave.

Employer Responsibilities

Covered employers must inform employees requesting leave whether they are eligible under FMLA. If they are, the notice must specify any additional information required as well as the employees' rights and responsibilities. If they are not eligible, the employer must provide a reason for the ineligibility.

Covered employers must inform employees if leave will be designated as FMLA-protected and the amount of leave counted against the employee's leave entitlement. If the employer determines that the leave is not FMLA-protected, the employer must notify the employee.

Unlawful Acts by Employers

FMLA makes it unlawful for any employer to:

- interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of any right provided under FMLA; and
- discharge or discriminate against any person for opposing any practice made unlawful by FMLA or for involvement in any proceeding under or relating to FMLA.

Enforcement

An employee may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Labor or may bring a private lawsuit against an employer.

FMLA does not affect any Federal or State law prohibiting discrimination, or supersede any State or local law or collective bargaining agreement which provides greater family or medical leave rights.

FMLA section 109 (29 U.S.C. § 2619) requires FMLA covered employers to post the text of this notice. Regulation 29 C.F.R. § 825.300(a) may require additional disclosures.





EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE

\$7.25

PER HOUR

BEGINNING JULY 24, 2009

OVERTIME PAY

At least $1\frac{1}{2}$ times your 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 jobs 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 under the following conditions:

No more than

- 3 hours on a school day or 18 hours in a school week;
- 8 hours on a non-school day or 40 hours in a non-school week.

Also, work may not begin before **7 a.m.** or end after **7 p.m.**, except from June 1 through Labor Day, when evening hours are extended to **9 p.m.** Different rules apply in agricultural employment.

TIP CREDIT

Employers of "tipped employees" must pay 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. Certain other conditions must also be met.

ENFORCEMENT

The Department of Labor may recover back wages either administratively or through court action, for the employees that have been underpaid in violation of the law. Violations may result in civil or criminal action.

Employers may be assessed civil money penalties of up to \$1,100 for each willful or repeated violation of the minimum wage or overtime pay provisions of the law and up to \$11,000 for each employee who is the subject of a violation of the Act's child labor provisions. In addition, a civil money penalty of up to \$50,000 may be assessed for each child labor violation that causes the death or serious injury of any minor employee, and such assessments may be doubled, up to \$100,000, when the violations are determined to be willful or repeated. The law also prohibits discriminating against or discharging workers who file a complaint or participate in any proceeding under the Act.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Certain occupations and establishments are exempt from the minimum wage and/or overtime pay provisions.
- Special provisions apply to workers in American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- Some state laws provide greater employee protections; employers must comply with both.
- The law requires employers to display this poster where employees can readily see it.
- Employees under 20 years of age may be paid \$4.25 per hour during their first 90 consecutive calendar days of employment with an employer.
- Certain full-time students, student learners, apprentices, and workers with disabilities may be paid less than the minimum wage under special certificates issued by the Department of Labor.



Equal Employment Opportunity is The content of the

Private Employers, State and Local Governments, Educational Institutions, Employment Agencies and Labor Organizations

Applicants to and employees of most private employers, state and local governments, educational institutions, employment agencies and labor organizations are protected under Federal law from discrimination on the following bases:

RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, protects applicants and employees from discrimination in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), or national origin. Religious discrimination includes failing to reasonably accommodate an employee's religious practices where the accommodation does not impose undue hardship.

DISABILITY

Title I and Title V of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, protect qualified individuals from discrimination on the basis of disability in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. Disability discrimination includes not making reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability who is an applicant or employee, barring undue hardship.

AGE

The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, protects applicants and employees 40 years of age or older from discrimination based on age in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment.

SEX (WAGES)

In addition to sex discrimination prohibited by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, the Equal Pay Act of 1963, as amended, prohibits sex discrimination in the payment of wages to women and men performing substantially equal work, in jobs that require equal skill, effort, and responsibility, under similar working conditions, in the same establishment.

GENETICS

Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 protects applicants and employees from discrimination based on genetic information in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. GINA also restricts employers' acquisition of genetic information and strictly limits disclosure of genetic information. Genetic information includes information about genetic tests of applicants, employees, or their family members; the manifestation of diseases or disorders in family members (family medical history); and requests for or receipt of genetic services by applicants, employees, or their family members.

RETALIATION

All of these Federal laws prohibit covered entities from retaliating against a person who files a charge of discrimination, participates in a discrimination proceeding, or otherwise opposes an unlawful employment practice.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU BELIEVE DISCRIMINATION HAS OCCURRED

There are strict time limits for filing charges of employment discrimination. To preserve the ability of EEOC to act on your behalf and to protect your right to file a private lawsuit, should you ultimately need to, you should contact EEOC promptly when discrimination is suspected:

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), 1-800-669-4000 (toll-free) or 1-800-669-6820 (toll-free TTY number for individuals with hearing impairments). EEOC field office information is available at www.eeoc.gov or in most telephone directories in the U.S. Government or Federal Government section. Additional information about EEOC, including information about charge filing, is available at www.eeoc.gov.

Employers Holding Federal Contracts or Subcontracts

Applicants to and employees of companies with a Federal government contract or subcontract are protected under Federal law from discrimination on the following bases:

RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN

Executive Order 11246, as amended, prohibits job discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, and requires affirmative action to ensure equality of opportunity in all aspects of employment.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, protects qualified individuals from discrimination on the basis of disability in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. Disability discrimination includes not making reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability who is an applicant or employee, barring undue hardship. Section 503 also requires that Federal contractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities at all levels of employment, including the executive level.

DISABLED, RECENTLY SEPARATED, OTHER PROTECTED, AND ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEDAL VETERANS

The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, 38 U.S.C. 4212, prohibits job discrimination and requires affirmative action to employ and advance in employment disabled veterans, recently separated veterans (within

three years of discharge or release from active duty), other protected veterans (veterans who served during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized), and Armed Forces service medal veterans (veterans who, while on active duty, participated in a U.S. military operation for which an Armed Forces service medal was awarded).

RETALIATION

Retaliation is prohibited against a person who files a complaint of discrimination, participates in an OFCCP proceeding, or otherwise opposes discrimination under these Federal laws.

Any person who believes a contractor has violated its nondiscrimination or affirmative action obligations under the authorities above should contact immediately:

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP), U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210, 1-800-397-6251 (toll-free) or (202) 693-1337 (TTY). OFCCP may also be contacted by e-mail at OFCCP-Public@dol.gov, or by calling an OFCCP regional or district office, listed in most telephone directories under U.S. Government, Department of Labor.

Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance

RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX

In addition to the protections of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Employment discrimination is covered by Title VI if the primary objective of the financial assistance is provision of employment, or where employment discrimination causes or may cause discrimination in providing services under such programs. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities which receive Federal financial assistance.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of disability in any program or activity which receives Federal financial assistance. Discrimination is prohibited in all aspects of employment against persons with disabilities who, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of the job.

If you believe you have been discriminated against in a program of any institution which receives Federal financial assistance, you should immediately contact the Federal agency providing such assistance.

"EEO is the Law" Poster Supplement

Private Employers, State and Local Governments, Educational Institutions, Employment Agencies and Labor Organizations revisions

The Disability section is revised as follows:

DISABILITY

Title I and Title V of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, protect qualified individuals from discrimination on the basis of disability in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. Disability discrimination includes not making reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability who is an applicant or employee, barring undue hardship.

The following section is added:

GENETICS

Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 protects applicants and employees from discrimination based on genetic information in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. GINA also restricts employers' acquisition of genetic information and strictly limits disclosure of genetic information. Genetic information includes information about genetic tests of applicants, employees, or their family members; the manifestation of diseases or disorders in family members (family medical history); and requests for or receipt of genetic services by applicants, employees, or their family members.

The EEOC contact information is revised as follows:

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), 1-800-669-4000 (toll-free) or 1-800-669-6820 (toll-free TTY number for individuals with hearing impairments). EEOC field office information is available at www.eeoc.gov or in most telephone directories in the U.S. Government or Federal Government section. Additional information about EEOC, including information about charge filing, is available at www.eeoc.gov.

Employers Holding Federal Contracts or Subcontracts section revisions

The Individuals with Disabilities section is revised as follows:

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, protects qualified individuals from discrimination on the basis of disability in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. Disability discrimination includes not making reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability who is an applicant or employee, barring undue hardship. Section 503 also requires that Federal contractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities at all levels of employment, including the executive level.

The Vietnam Era, Special Disabled Veterans section is revised as follows:

DISABLED, RECENTLY SEPARATED, OTHER PROTECTED, AND ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEDAL VETERANS

The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, 38 U.S.C. 4212, prohibits job discrimination and requires affirmative action to employ and advance in employment disabled veterans, recently separated veterans (within three years of discharge or release from active duty), other protected veterans (veterans who served during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized), and Armed Forces service medal veterans (veterans who, while on active duty, participated in a U.S. military operation for which an Armed Forces service medal was awarded).

The following section is added:

RETALIATION

Retaliation is prohibited against a person who files a complaint of discrimination, participates in an OFCCP proceeding, or otherwise opposes discrimination under these Federal laws.

The OFCCP contact information is revised as follows:

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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

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

If you:

- ☆ are a past or present member of the uniformed service;
- ☆ have applied for membership in the uniformed service; or
- ☆ are obligated to serve in the uniformed service;

then an employer may not deny you:

- ☆ initial employment;
- ☆ reemployment;
- ☆ retention in employment;
- ☆ promotion; or
- ☆ any benefit of employment

because of this status.

In addition, 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 service connection.

HEALTH INSURANCE PROTECTION

- 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 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.

ENFORCEMENT

- ☆ The U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) is authorized to investigate and resolve complaints of USERRA violations.
- ☆ 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 http://www.dol.gov/vets. An interactive online USERRA Advisor can be viewed at http://www.dol.gov/elaws/userra.htm.
- ☆ If you file a complaint with VETS and VETS is unable to resolve it, you may request that your case be referred to the Department of Justice or the Office of Special Counsel, as applicable, for representation.
- ★ You may also bypass the VETS process and bring a civil action against an employer for violations of USERRA.

The rights listed here may vary depending on the circumstances. The text of this notice was prepared by VETS, and may be viewed on the internet at this address: http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/userra/poster.htm. Federal law requires employers to notify employees of their rights under USERRA, and employers may meet this requirement by displaying the text of this notice where they customarily place notices for employees.









