

# DISABILITY COMPENSATION LAW

## NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

**Workers' Compensation - You have the right to** receive workers' compensation benefits and medical care if you suffer a work-related injury. You must report the date, time and circumstance of your injury immediately to your employer or supervisor. Give the name of the insurer to your doctor so that your doctor will know where to send the physician's report. If your employer does not file a report of the injury, you may file a written claim with the Disability Compensation Division. You do not pay for the premium cost; your employer pays the entire amount.

You are entitled to all required medical, surgical and hospital services and supplies including medication; weekly benefits from the fourth day of disability to replace wage loss, representing 66 2/3% of your average weekly wage but not more than the maximum weekly benefit amount annually set by the Department; additional benefits if the injury results in permanent disability or disfigurement; vocational rehabilitation, if appropriate; funeral and burial expenses if the work injury results in death; and additional weekly benefits to the surviving spouse and other dependents.

**Temporary Disability Insurance - You have the right to** file a claim for temporary disability insurance benefits within 90 days from the date of disability if you suffer a disabling non-work-related injury/illness or inability to work because of your pregnancy. Your employer or insurance carrier should furnish you with a TDI-45 claim form or some other authorized claim form. You may receive TDI benefits if a physician properly certifies your inability to work. Generally, you must have worked for an employer in Hawaii at least two weeks before your disability. During the last 52 weeks, you must have: worked for at least 14 weeks; been paid for at least 20 hours per week; and earned at least \$400.

After a 7 consecutive day waiting period, you will be paid 58% of your average weekly wage, not to exceed the maximum in the TDI law. Your employer may have an "equivalent" plan approved by the Department, which may provide different benefits. You should ask your employer for details if they have an "equivalent" plan.

You may be required by your employer to share in the premium cost. Your share cannot be more than one-half of the cost and should not exceed .5% of your weekly wages. Your employer pays the remaining portion exceeding the prescribed limitation. If you are not eligible for benefits (see second paragraph above), your employer cannot deduct any contributions from you to share in the premium cost.

**Prepaid Health Care - You have the right to** enroll in your employer's prepaid health care insurance plan after 4 consecutive weeks of employment where you have worked at least 20 hours each week. The Department of Labor & Industrial Relations must approve the health care plan and include insurance coverage for hospital, surgical, medical, diagnostic and maternity medical care.

You should claim benefits under this program if a non-work-related injury or illness requires medical care. Give your doctor or hospital the name of your employer's health care contractor and the plan name.

If you are required to share in the premium cost for your coverage, your share cannot be more than 1.5% of your monthly wages or one-half the premium cost (whichever is less). Your employer pays the balance.

#### Disability Compensation Division:

Oahu	586-9161 (Workers' Compensation)
	586-9188 (Temporary Disability Insurance and Prepaid Health Care)
Hilo	974-6464
Kona	322-4808
Maui	243-5322
Kauai	274-3351

**To Report A Claim Contact:**  
**ZURICH CLAIMS SERVICES**  
**Telephone: 800-987-3373**

This notice provides general background information on labor laws administered and enforced by DLIR's Disability Compensation Division and is not intended to serve as a substitute for legal counsel. For specific legal advice on individual situations, please consult an attorney.

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\*You may satisfy Hawaii Labor Laws' posting requirements by posting our official labor law poster.  
For more information: <http://labor.hawaii.gov/labor-law-poster/>

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program  
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TDD/TTY Dial 711 then ask for (808) 586-8842.

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# Job Safety and Health IT'S THE LAW!

## All workers have the right to:

- A safe workplace.
- Raise a safety or health concern with your employer or OSHA, or report a work-related 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.

## 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.

On-Site Consultation services are available to small and medium-sized employers, without citation or penalty, through OSHA-supported consultation programs in every state.

*This poster is available free from OSHA.*

**Contact OSHA. We can help.**



# You Have a Right to a Safe and Healthful Workplace

## IT'S THE LAW!

- You have the right to notify your employer or HIOSH (808-586-9092) about workplace hazards. HIOSH will keep your name and identity confidential.
- You have the right to request a HIOSH inspection if you believe that there are unsafe and/or unhealthful conditions at your workplace. You or your representative may participate in the inspection.
- You have a right to see HIOSH citations issued to your employer. Your employer must post the citations at or near the place of the alleged violation.
- Your employer must correct workplace hazards by the date indicated on the citation and must certify that these hazards have been reduced or eliminated.
- You have the right to copies of your medical records or records of your exposure to toxic and harmful substances or conditions.
- Your employer may not discriminate against you for making a safety and health complaint or for exercising your rights under the law, some of which are detailed above. You can file a discrimination complaint with HIOSH within 60 days of the discriminatory act. ***Private sector employees must also file a discrimination complaint with the OSHA Regional Office below within 30 days of the discriminatory act or they will lose their rights to pursue a federal claim under section 11(c) of the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 after the conclusion of the HIOSH investigation.***
- Report to OSHA all work-related fatalities within 8 hours, and all inpatient hospitalizations, amputations, and losses of an eye within 24 hours.
- Provide required training to all workers in a language and vocabulary they can understand.
- Your employer must post this notice in the workplace in a prominent location or where such notices are customarily located.



The Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Law of 1972, Chapter 396, Hawaii Revised Statutes, assures safe and healthful working conditions for every worker in the State. The Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division (HIOSH) of the state Department of Labor & Industrial Relations, has the primary responsibility



for administering the HIOSH Law. HIOSH does not cover those hired for domestic service in or about a private home, maritime or shipbuilding employees, employees covered by a federal agency, and employees working on military installations. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) monitors the HIOSH program to ensure its effectiveness. If you believe HIOSH is not meeting its responsibilities, you may file a Complaint About State Program Administration (CASPA) directly to the OSHA Regional Office:

Regional Administrator  
U.S. Department of Labor  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration 90 7th Street, Suite 18100  
San Francisco, California 94103

Copies of the State law, the HIOSH rules and Standards or other program information may be obtained at:



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