



# 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.

*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.

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



## A T T E N T I O N

**Caution:** The information below is general in nature and is not intended to be legal advice. If you have any questions regarding your status as an employer or employee or your rights and qualification for specific benefits under an industrial injury or occupational disease claim, you should consult with an attorney experienced in industrial insurance.

### Brief Description of Whether the Employer is Required to Obtain Industrial Insurance and Whether a Person is a Covered Employee

Every employer ... shall provide and secure compensation ... for any personal injuries by accident sustained by an employee arising out of and in the course of the employment. See NRS 616B.612(1).

An **employer** is defined as, "Every person, firm, voluntary association and private corporation, including any public service corporation, which has in service any person under a contract of hire." See NRS 616A.230(2). "A person is not an employer ... if: (a) The person enters into a contract with another person or business which is an independent enterprise; and (b) The person is not in the same trade, business, profession or occupation as the independent enterprise." See NRS 616B.603(1).

An **employee** is broadly defined as, "... every person in the service of an employer under any appointment or contract of hire or apprenticeship, express or implied, oral or written, whether lawfully or unlawfully employed" (See NRS 616A.105), but excludes casual employees not in the same trade, business, profession or occupation; musicians not lasting more than 2 consecutive days; household servants, farming and ranching employees; voluntary ski patrol; sports officials paid a nominal fee; clergy, rabbi or lay readers; real estate brokers or sales persons; and commissioned sales persons (See NRS 616A.110).

An **independent contractor** is a person who is hired and paid solely to produce a result. It is defined as, "... any person who renders service for a specified recompense for a specified result, under the control of the person's principal as to the result of the person's work only and not as to the means by which such result is accomplished." See NRS 616A.255.

### Brief Description of Your Rights and Benefits If You Are Injured on the Job or have an Occupational Disease

**Notice of Injury or Occupational Disease (Incident Report Form C-1)** If an injury or occupational disease (OD) arises out of and in the course of employment, you must provide written notice to your employer as soon as practicable, but no later than 7 days after the accident or OD. Your employer shall maintain a sufficient supply of the forms.

**Claim for Compensation (Form C-4):** If medical treatment is sought, the form C-4 is available at the place of initial treatment. A completed "Claim for Compensation" (Form C-4) must be filed within 90 days after an accident or OD. The treating physician or chiropractor must, within 3 working days after treatment, complete and mail to the employer, the employer's insurer and third-party administrator, the Claim for Compensation.

**Medical Treatment:** If you require medical treatment for your on-the-job injury or OD, you may be required to select a physician or chiropractor from a list provided by your workers' compensation insurer, if it has contracted with an Organization for Managed Care (MCO) or Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) or providers of health care. If your employer has not entered into a contract with an MCO or PPO, you may select a physician or chiropractor from the Panel of Physicians and Chiropractors. Any **medical costs** related to your industrial injury or OD will be paid by your insurer.

**Temporary Total Disability (TTD):** If your doctor has certified that you are unable to work for a period of at least 5 consecutive days, or 5 cumulative days in a 20-day period, or places restrictions on you that your employer does not accommodate, you may be entitled to TTD compensation.

**Temporary Partial Disability (TPD):** If the wage you receive upon reemployment is less than the compensation for TTD to which you are entitled, the insurer may be required to pay you TPD compensation to make up the difference. TPD can only be paid for a maximum of 24 months.

**Permanent Partial Disability (PPD):** When your medical condition is stable and there is an indication of a PPD as a result of your injury or OD, within 30 days, your insurer must arrange for an evaluation by a rating physician or chiropractor to determine the degree of your PPD. The amount of your PPD award depends on the date of injury, the results of the PPD evaluation, your age and wage.

**Permanent Total Disability (PTD):** If you are medically certified by a treating physician or chiropractor as permanently and totally disabled and have been granted a PTD status by your insurer, you are entitled to receive monthly benefits not to exceed 66 2/3% of your average monthly wage. The amount of your PTD payments is subject to reduction if you previously received a lump-sum PPD award.

**Vocational Rehabilitation Services:** You may be eligible for vocational rehabilitation services if you are unable to return to the job due to a permanent physical impairment or permanent restrictions as a result of your injury or occupational disease.

**Transportation and Per Diem Reimbursement:** You may be eligible for travel expenses and per diem associated with medical treatment.

**Reopening:** You may be able to reopen your claim if your condition worsens after claim closure.

**Appeal Process:** If you disagree with a written determination issued by the insurer or the insurer does not respond to your request, you may appeal to the **Department of Administration, Hearing Officer**, by following the instructions contained in your determination letter. You must appeal the determination within 70 days from the date of the determination letter at 1050 E. William Street, Suite 400, Carson City, Nevada 89701, or 2200 S. Rancho Drive, Suite 210, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102. If you disagree with the Hearing Officer decision, you may appeal to the **Department of Administration, Appeals Officer**. You must file your appeal within 30 days from the date of the Hearing Officer decision letter at 1050 E. William Street, Suite 450, Carson City, Nevada 89701, or 2200 S. Rancho Drive, Suite 220, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102. If you disagree with a decision of an Appeals Officer, you may file a **petition for judicial review with the District Court**. You must do so within 30 days of the Appeal Officer's decision. You may be represented by an attorney at your own expense or you may contact the NAIW for possible representation.

**Nevada Attorney for Injured Workers (NAIW):** If you disagree with a hearing officer decision, you may request that NAIW represent you without charge at an Appeals Officer hearing. NAIW is an independent state agency and is not affiliated with any insurer. For information regarding denial of benefits, you may contact the NAIW at: 1000 E. William Street, Suite 208, Carson City, NV 89701, (775) 684-7555, or 2200 S. Rancho Drive, Suite 230, Las Vegas, NV 89102, (702) 486-2830.

**To File a Complaint with the Division:** If you wish to file a complaint with the Administrator of the Division of Industrial Relations (DIR), please contact Workers' Compensation Section, 400 West King Street, Suite 400, Carson City, Nevada 89703, telephone (775) 684-7270, or 3360 W. Sahara Ave., Suite 250, Las Vegas, NV 89102, telephone (702) 486-9080.

**For Assistance with Workers' Compensation Issues:** You may contact the State of Nevada Office for Consumer Health Assistance, 3320 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 100, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102, Toll Free 1- 888-333-1597, Web site: <http://dhhs.nv.gov/Programs/CHA>, E-mail [cha@govcha.nv.gov](mailto:cha@govcha.nv.gov)

*The information in this publication is derived from Chapters 616A through 616D, inclusive, and 617 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and is provided for informational purposes only. If you have any questions, regarding your injury or workers' compensation claim, please call the following:*

Insurer/Administrator: Zurich Claims Services Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: PO Box 49547 Colorado Springs CO 80949-9537 Telephone Number: 800-987-3373  
City State Zip  
MCO/Health Care Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

# NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

Pursuant to: NRS 616B.227 Election by employee to report his tips; effect; regulation.

1. For the purpose of workers' compensation, an employee may elect to report the amount he receives as tips for the purpose of the calculation of compensation by submitting to his employer an Employee's Declaration of Election of Report Tips (form D-23). The employee must make his election separately for each pay period before the end of the next pay period. The declaration may not be amended.
2. Upon receipt of such notice the employer shall:
  - (a) Make a copy of each report which the employee has filed with the employer to report the amount of his tips to the United States Internal Revenue Service or Employee's Declaration of Election to Report Tips;
  - (b) Submit the copy to its workers' compensation insurer upon request, or if the employer is self-insured or an association of self-insured public or private employers, retain the copy for his records; and
  - (c) If he is not self-insured, pay the insurer the premiums for the reported tips at the same rate as he pays on regular wages.
3. An employee who elects to report his tips is not eligible to receive increased compensation based on those tips until 3 months after his employer receives the Employee's Declaration of Election to Report Tips. For the purpose of workers' compensation, tips may be reported pursuant to 26 U.S.C. §6053(a) or on form D-23. The form for reporting tips D-23 can be obtained from your personnel office.

If the forms are not available, contact your employer or the Internal Revenue Service.

# NEVADA SAFETY AND HEALTH PROTECTION ON THE JOB

The Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Act, NRS Chapter 618, provides job safety and health protection for workers through the promotion of safe and healthful working conditions throughout the State of Nevada. Requirements of the Act include the following:

## **EMPLOYERS:**

Each employer shall furnish to each of his employees employment and a place of employment free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees; and shall comply with occupational safety and health standards adopted under the Act.

## **EMPLOYEES:**

Each employee shall comply with all occupational safety and health standards, rules, regulations and orders issued under the Act that apply to his own actions and conduct on the job.

The Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Nevada OSHA) of the Division of Industrial Relations, Department of Business and Industry, has the primary responsibility for administering the Act. Nevada OSHA enforces occupational safety and health standards, and its Safety and Health Representatives/ Industrial Hygienists conduct jobsite inspections to ensure compliance with the Act.

## **INSPECTION:**

The Act requires that a representative of the employer and a representative authorized by the employees be given an opportunity to accompany the Nevada OSHA inspector for the purpose of aiding the inspection.

Where there is no authorized employee representative, the Nevada OSHA Safety and Health Representative/ Industrial Hygienist must consult with a reasonable number of employees concerning safety and health conditions in the workplace.

## **COMPLAINT:**

Employees, public or private, or their representatives have the right to file a complaint with the nearest Nevada OSHA office requesting an inspection if they believe unsafe or unhealthful conditions exist in their workplace. Nevada OSHA will hold confidential names of employees complaining.

The Act provides that employees may not be discharged or discriminated against in any way for filing safety and health complaints or otherwise exercising their rights under the Act.

An employee, public or private, who believes he has been discriminated against may file a complaint within thirty (30) days of the alleged discrimination with the nearest Nevada OSHA office or with Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 90 7th Street, Suite 18100, San Francisco, CA 94103.

## **CITATIONS:**

If upon inspection Nevada OSHA believes an employer has violated the Act, a citation alleging such violations will be issued to the employer. Each citation will specify a time period within which the alleged violation must be corrected.

The Nevada OSHA citation must be prominently displayed at or near the place of alleged violation for three days, or until it is corrected, whichever is later, to warn employees of dangers that may exist there.

## **PROPOSED PENALTY:**

The Act provides for mandatory penalties against employers of up to \$15,625 for each serious violation and for optional penalties of up to \$15,625 for each nonserious violation. Penalties of up to \$15,625 per day may be proposed for failure to correct violations within the proposed time period. Also, any employer who willfully or repeatedly violates the Act may be assessed penalties of up to \$156,259 for each such violation.

Criminal penalties are also provided for in the Act. Any willful violation resulting in death of an employee, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine of not more than \$50,000 or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both. Conviction of any employer after a first conviction doubles these maximum penalties. Penalties may be proposed for public employers.

## **VOLUNTARY ACTIVITY:**

While providing penalties for violations, the Act also encourages efforts by labor and management, before a Nevada OSHA inspection, to reduce injuries and illnesses arising out of employment.

The Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the Division of Industrial Relations, Department of Business and Industry, encourages employers and employees to reduce workplace hazards voluntarily and to develop and improve safety and health programs in all workplaces and industries.

Such cooperative action would initially focus on the identification and elimination of hazards that could cause death, injury, or illness to employees and supervisors.

Further information and assistance will be provided by Nevada OSHA to employees and employers upon request.

## **MORE INFORMATION:**

Additional information and copies of the Act, specific Nevada OSHA safety and health standards, and other applicable regulations may be obtained by calling or writing the nearest Nevada OSHA district office in the following locations:

### **Southern Nevada**

3360 W. Sahara Avenue, Suite 200  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89102  
Telephone: (702) 486-9020  
Fax: (702) 486-8714

### **Northern Nevada**

4600 Kietzke Lane, Suite F-153  
Reno, Nevada 89502  
Telephone: (775) 688-3700  
Fax: (775) 688-1378

## **NOTE:**

Persons wishing to register a complaint alleging inadequacy in the administration of the Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Plan may do so at the following address:

OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor  
90 7th Street  
Suite 18100  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
Telephone: (415) 625-2547

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