



ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF
WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE REQUIREMENT**

Since you are reporting to the Illinois Department of Revenue that you have employees in Illinois, you should be aware that in most circumstances those employees are covered by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act. You are required to carry workers' compensation insurance on employees covered by the Act.

Pursuant to new legislation effective 7/20/05, failure to provide workers' compensation insurance coverage may result in a \$10,000 minimum fine, work-stop orders, and/or felony criminal charges.

You are also required to post the workplace notice, which appears on the other side of this page, in every work site. This notice is also available in Spanish on our website.

For more information, please contact your attorney, insurance agent, or the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission Insurance Compliance Division at 312/814-5654, or visit the IWCC website at www.iwcc.il.gov.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION



is a system of benefits provided by law to most workers who have job-related injuries or illnesses. Benefits are paid for injuries that are caused, in whole or in part, by an employee's work. This may include the aggravation of a pre-existing condition, injuries brought on by the repetitive use of a part of the body, heart attacks, or any other physical problem caused by work. Benefits are paid regardless of fault.

IF YOU SUFFER FROM A WORK-RELATED INJURY OR ILLNESS, YOU SHOULD TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

- 1. GET MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.** By law, your employer must pay for all necessary medical services required to cure or relieve the effects of the injury or illness. The employee may choose two physicians, surgeons, or hospitals. Where necessary, the employer must also pay for physical, mental, or vocational rehabilitation, within prescribed limits.
- 2. NOTIFY YOUR EMPLOYER.** You must notify your employer of the accidental injury or illness within 45 days, either orally or in writing. To avoid possible delays, it is recommended the notice also include your name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, and a brief description of the injury or illness.
- 3. LEARN YOUR RIGHTS.** Your employer is required by law to report accidents that result in more than three lost work days to the Workers' Compensation Commission. Once the accident is reported, you should receive a handbook that explains the law, benefits, and procedures. If you need a handbook, please call the Commission or go to the Web site.

If you must lose time from work to recover from the injury or illness, you may be entitled to receive weekly payments and necessary medical care until you are able to return to work that is reasonably available to you.

It is against the law for an employer to harass, discharge, refuse to rehire or in any way discriminate against an employee for exercising his or her rights under the Workers' Compensation or Occupational Diseases Acts. If you file a fraudulent claim, you may be penalized under the law.

- 4. KEEP WITHIN THE TIME LIMITS.** Generally, claims must be filed within three years of the injury or disablement from an occupational disease, or within two years of the last workers' compensation payment, whichever is later. Claims for pneumoconiosis, radiological exposure, asbestosis, or similar diseases have special requirements.

Injured workers have the right to reopen their case within 30 months after an award is made if the disability increases, but cases that are resolved by a lump-sum settlement contract approved by the Commission cannot be reopened. Only settlements approved by the Commission are binding.

For more information, go to the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission's Web site or call any office:

Toll-free: 866/352-3033 Chicago: 312/814-6611 Peoria: 309/671-3019 Springfield: 217/785-7087
 Web site: www.iwcc.il.gov Collinsville: 618/346-3450 Rockford: 815/987-7292 TDD (Deaf): 312/814-2959

BY LAW, EMPLOYERS MUST DISPLAY THIS NOTICE IN A PROMINENT PLACE IN EACH WORKPLACE AND COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW.

Party handling workers' compensation claims			
Business address			
Business phone			
Effective date		Termination date	
Policy number		Employer's FEIN	