

NEVADA WORKPLACE SAFETY

Stop and Learn Your Rights and Responsibilities



The Division of Industrial Relations of the Nevada Department of Business & Industry helps employers provide a safe and healthful workplace. This document explains the rights and responsibilities of both employers and employees in creating a safe working environment.

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Act was created to allow you to do your job in a safe and healthy workplace. **But it is up to you to make sure that job safety works.** Here are some tips to help you stay safe on the job.

Know and follow all safety rules set by:

- Your employer
- The Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Act
- The Division of Industrial Relations, Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement Section

You can get copies of all Nevada safety and health standards from the Safety Consultation and Training Section of the Division of Industrial Relations or on the web at www.4safenv.state.nv.us. **Also, your employer may be required to have a written workplace safety program.**

If your employer requires personal protective equipment, such as hard hats, safety shoes, safety glasses, respirators, or ear protection, **you are responsible to wear and/or use the equipment.**

Do not remove any safety device or machine guard. If you do and get hurt, you will lose some workers' compensation benefits.



If you do not know how to safely use tools, equipment or machinery, be sure to ask your supervisor.

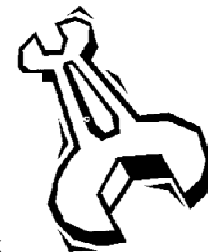
If you see something that's unsafe, report it to your supervisor. That's part of your job. Give your employer a chance to fix the problem. **If you think the unsafe condition still exists, it is your right to file a complaint** with the Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement Section of the Division of Industrial Relations. The Division will not give your name to your employer.

There are laws that **protect you** if you are punished for filing a safety and health complaint. If you feel you have been treated unfairly for making a safety and health complaint, you have 30 days from the date of the punishment to file a discrimination complaint with the Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement Section of the Division of Industrial Relations.

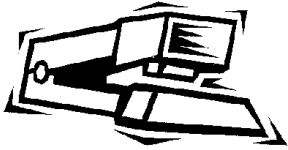
Most on-the-job injuries are covered by Workers' Compensation Insurance - from cuts and bruises to serious accidents. Coverage begins the first minute you're on the job.

It is your responsibility to report any on-the-job Injury immediately. Your employer must file an "Employer's Report of Injury" (C-3 Form) within six working days after the receipt of a "Claim for Compensation" (C-4 Form) from a physician or chiropractor.

Remember, it is fraud to file an industrial insurance claim if you are not injured on the job. Filing a false claim will result not only in a loss of benefits, but could mean costly fines and/or jail time.



The Safety Consultation and Training Section of the Division of Industrial Relations, Nevada Department of Business & Industry, was created to assist employers in complying with Nevada laws which govern occupational safety and health.



A Nevada employer with 11 or more employees must establish a written workplace safety program. If you have more than 25 employees, the establishment of a safety committee is also required.

The Safety Consultation and Training Section of the Division of Industrial Relations is available to provide a workplace hazard assessment. This service can assist employers in minimizing on-the-job hazards, and is provided at **no charge**. The Division also offers no cost safety training and informational programs for Nevada employers.

You must maintain a workplace that is free from unsafe conditions.

As an employer you are responsible for complying with all Nevada safety and health standards and regulations found in:

- The Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Act, and the
- Occupational Safety and Health Standards and Regulations.

Copies of all occupational safety and health standards and regulations are available from the Division of Industrial Relations (Safety Consultation and Training Section and the Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement Section) or on the web at www.4safenv.state.nv.us.

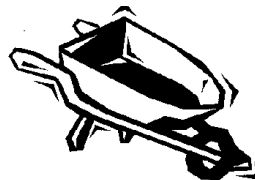
You are also responsible for ensuring that your employees comply with these same rules, standards and regulations. You must select someone to administer and enforce occupational safety and health programs in your workplace.

Before assigning an employee to a job, you must provide proper training in:

- Safe use of equipment and machinery
- Personal protective gear
- Hazard recognition
- Emergency procedures

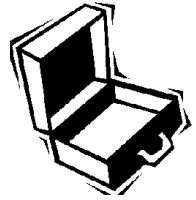
You must also inform all employees of the safety rules, regulations and standards which apply to their respective duties.

It is your responsibility to maintain accurate accident, injury and safety records and reports. These files must be made available, upon request, to the affected employee and representatives of the Division of Industrial Relations, Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement Section.



The Nevada Safety and Health Poster, provided by the Division of Industrial Relations, must be posted in a prominent place on the job site.

Report immediately to the Division of Industrial Relations (Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement Section) all job-related fatalities, as well as those accidents where three or more employees require hospitalization.



Employers must acquire and maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance at all times.

The law requires that employers shall provide newly-hired employees with a copy of this document or with a video setting forth the rights and responsibilities of employers and employees to promote safety in the workplace.



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