



Washington State Department of  
Labor & Industries

## Job Safety And Health Law

It's the law! Employers must post this notice where employees can read it.

(Chapter 49.17 RCW)

All workers have the right to a safe and healthy workplace.

**Employees — 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, without loss of wages or benefits.**
- **Get copies of your medical records, including records of exposures to toxic and harmful substances or conditions.**
- **File a complaint with L&I within 90 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 any other safety-related activity.**

**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**

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# OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROTECTION

- 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 all deaths, in-patient hospitalizations, amputations or loss of an eye.

Report any work-related death or in-patient hospitalization to L&I's Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) within 8 hours.

Report any work-related non-hospitalized amputation or loss of an eye to DOSH within 24 hours.

For any work-related death, in-patient hospitalization, amputation or loss of an eye, you must report the following information to DOSH:

- Employer contact person and phone number.
- Name of business.
- Address and location where the work-related incident occurred.
- Date and time of the incident.
- Number of employees and their names.
- Brief description of what happened.

### Where to report:

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

employees.

- If you are cited for safety and/or health violations, you must prominently display the citation at or near the place of the violation for a minimum of seven working days, excluding weekends and holidays. It must remain posted until all violations have been corrected.

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

This poster is available free from L&I at [www.Lni.wa.gov/RequiredPosters](http://www.Lni.wa.gov/RequiredPosters).

### Free assistance from the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH)

- Training and resources to promote safe workplaces.
- On-site consultations to help employers identify and fix hazards, and risk management help to lower your workers' compensation costs.



Division of Occupational Safety and Health  
[www.Lni.wa.gov/go/F416-081-909](http://www.Lni.wa.gov/go/F416-081-909) | 1-800-423-7233

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