

FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT NOTICES



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 workrelated 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.



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Your Employee Rights Under the Family and Medical Leave Act

What is FMLA leave?

eligible employees with **job-protected leave** for qualifying family an medical reasons. The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Divi (WHD) enforces the FMLA for most employees. Eligible employees can take ${\bf up\ to\ 12\ workweeks}$ of FMLA leave in a 12-month period for:

The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) is a federal law that provides

- The birth, adoption or foster placement of a child with you,
- Your serious mental or physical health condition that makes you unable to work, To care for your spouse, child or parent with a serious mental or physical health condition, and
- Certain qualifying reasons related to the foreign deployment of your spouse, child or parent who is a military service
- An eligible employee who is the spouse, child, parent or next of kin of a

covered servicemember with a serious injury or illness <u>may</u> take up to 26 workweeks of FMLA leave in a single 12-month period to care for the You have the right to use FMLA leave in **one block of time**. When it is medically necessary or otherwise permitted, you may take FMLA leave intermittently in **separate blocks of time**, or on a reduced schedule by working less hours each day or week. Read Fact Sheet #28M(c) for more

FMLA leave is not paid leave, but you may choose, or be required by your

Am I eligible to take FMLA leave?

- You are an eligible employee if all of the following apply: · You work for a covered employer,
- · You have worked for your employer at least 12 months, You have at least 1,250 hours of service for your employer during the 12 months before your leave, and Your employer has at least 50 employees within 75 miles
- You work for a covered employer if one of the following applies:
- · You work for a private employer that had at least 50 employees during at least 20 workweeks in the current or previous calendar year, • You work for an elementary or public or private secondary school, or

How do I request FMLA leave?

. Follow your employer's normal policies for requesting leave . Give notice at least 30 days before your need for FMLA leave, or

. If advance notice is not possible, give notice as soon as possible

- You **do <u>not</u> have to share a medical diagnosis** but must provide enough information to your employer so they can determine whether the leave qualifies for FMLA protection. You <u>must</u> also inform your employer if FMLA leave was previously taken or approved for the same reason
- Your **employer** <u>may</u> **request certification** from a health care provider to verify medical leave and may request certification of a qualifying

The FMLA does not affect any federal or state law prohibiting discrimination or supersede any state or local law or collective bargaining agreement that provides greater family or medical leave rights. State employees may be subject to certain limitations in pursuit of direct awsuits regarding leave for their own serious health conditions. Mos federal and certain congressional employees are also covered by the law but are subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Office of Personnel

What does my employer need to do?

- If you are eligible for FMLA leave, your employer must: Allow you to take job-protected time off work for a qualifying reason Continue your group health plan coverage while you are on leave on
- the same basis as if you had not taken leave, and Allow you to return to the same job, or a virtually identical job with the same pay, benefits and other working conditions, including shift and location, at the end of your leave.
- Your employer cannot interfere with your FMLA rights or threaten or punish you for exercising your rights under the law. For example, you employer cannot retaliate against you for requesting FMLA leave or cooperating with a WHD investigation.

After becoming aware that your need for leave is for a reason that may qualify under the FMLA, your **employer** <u>must</u> **confirm whether you are eligible** or not eligible for FMLA leave. If your **employer** determines that you are eligible, your **employer** <u>must</u> **notify you in writing**:

· About your FMLA rights and responsibilities, and . How much of your requested leave, if any, will be FMLA-protected

Where can I find more information?

Call 1-866-487-9243 or visit dol.gov/fmla to learn more. If you believe your rights under the FMLA have been violated, you may





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☆ If you leave your job to perform military service, you have the right

to elect to continue your existing employer-based health plan

☆ Even if you don't elect to continue coverage during your military

for service-connected illnesses or injuries.

service, you have the right to be reinstated in your employer's

health plan when you are reemployed, generally without any waiting

periods or exclusions (e.g., pre-existing condition exclusions) except

coverage for you and your dependents for up to 24 months while in

HEALTH INSURANCE PROTECTION

USERRA protects the job rights of individuals who voluntarily or involuntarily leave employment positions to undertake military service or certain types of service in the National Disaster Medical System. USERRA also prohibits employers from discriminating against past and present members of the uniformed services, and applicants to the uniformed services.

You have the right to be reemployed in your civilian job if you leave that job to perform service in the uniformed service and:

- ☆ you ensure that your employer receives advance written or verbal notice of your service; vou have five years or less of cumulative service in the uniformed
- services while with that particular employer: you return to work or apply for reemployment in a timely manner
- after conclusion of service; and discharge or under other than honorable conditions.
- f you are eligible to be reemployed, you must be restored to the job

and benefits you would have attained if you had not been absent due to military service or, in some cases, a comparable job.

RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION

- ☆ are a past or present member of the uniformed service;
- have applied for membership in the uniformed service; or
- ☆ are obligated to serve in the uniformed service; then an employer may not deny you:
- ☆ reemployment; retention in employment

☆ initial employment.

- any benefit of employment
- because of this status.

the enforcement of USERRA rights, including testifying or making a statement in connection with a proceeding under USERRA, even if that The rights listed here may vary depending on the circumstances. The text of this notice was prepared by VETS, and may be viewed on the internet at this

ENFORCEMENT

Service (VETS) is authorized to investigate and resolve complaints of

The U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training

- For assistance in filing a complaint, or for any other information on USERRA, contact VETS at 1-866-4-USA-DOL or visit its website at https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets/. An interactive online USERRA Advisor can be viewed at https://webapps.dol.gov/elaws/vets/userra
- ☆ If you file a complaint with VETS and VETS is unable to resolve it, you ly request that your case be referred to the Department of Justice or the Office of Special Counsel, as applicable, for representation.
- \Leftrightarrow You may also bypass the VETS process and bring a civil action against an employer for violations of USERRA.





employers may meet this requirement by displaying the text of this notice where they customarily place notices for employees



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Know Your Rights: **Workplace Discrimination is Illegal**

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) enforces Federal laws that protect you fron discrimination in employment. If you believe you've been discriminated against at work or in applying for a job, the EEOC may be able to help.

Who is Protected?

• Employees (current and Union members and applicants for membership

Job applicants

What Types of Employment Discrimination are Illegal?

- Under the EEOC's laws, an employer may not disc you, regardless of your immigration status, on the bases of: Race disclosure of genetic tests, • Color
- Religion Retaliation for filing a National origin charge, reasonably Sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions, sexual orientation, opposing discrimination or participating in a
- or gender identity) investigation, or proceeding Age (40 and older) Genetic information
- threats related to exercising rights regarding disability (including employer requests for, or purchase, use, or

EMPLOYERS HOLDING FEDERAL CONTRACTS OR SUBCONTRACTS

- or practice Benefits

Job training

Classification

- for a disability; pregnancy,
- childbirth, or related medical condition; or a sincerely-held religious belief, observance
 - exercising their rights, or someone assisting or encouraging someone else to exercise rights, regarding disability discrimination (including accommodation)

Educational institutions

Staffing agencies

• Obtaining or disclos

genetic information of employees

information of employees

· Requesting or disclosing medical

· Conduct that might reasonably

opposing discrimination, filing a charge, or participating in an

discourage someone from

investigation or proceeding

intimidates, threatens, or

Conduct that coerces,

Unions

 Referral What can You Do if You Believe Discrimination has Occurred?

What Organizations are Covered?

Most private employers

as Discriminatory?

Harassment (including unwelcome verbal or

physical conduct)

· Hiring or promotion

• Pay (unequal wages or

• Discharge, firing, or lay-off

(as employers)

Contact the EEOC promptly if you suspect discrimination. Do not delay, because there are strict time limits for filing a charge of ation (180 or 300 days, depending on where you live/work). You can reach the EEOC in any of the following w Visit an EEOC field office (information at

www.eeoc.gov/field-office)

E-Mail info@eeoc.gov

including information about filing a charge of discrimination, is available at www.eeoc.gov

The Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) enforces the nondiscrimination and affirmative action commitments of companies doing business with the Federal Government. If you are applying for a job with, or are an employee of, a company with a Federal contract or subcontract, you are protected under Federal law from discrimination on the following bases:

an inquiry through the EEOC's public portal:

1-844-234-5122 (ASL video phone)

1-800-669-4000 (toll free)

https://publicportal.eeoc.gov/Portal/Login.aspx

Race, Color, Religion, Sex, Sexual Orientation, **Gender Identity, National Origin** Executive Order 11246, as amended, prohibits employment discrimination by Federal contractors based on race, color,

religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin, and requires affirmative action to ensure equality of opportunity in all aspects of employment. Asking About, Disclosing, or Discussing Pay Executive Order 11246, as amended, protects applicants and employees of Federal contractors from discrimination based on

quiring about, disclosing, or discussing their compensation or

the compensation of other applicants or employees

Disability Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, rotects qualified individuals with disabilities from discrimina in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment by Federal contractors. Disability discrimination includes not making reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability who is an applicant or employee, barring undue hardship to the employer. Section 503 also requires that Federal contractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities

at all levels of employment, including the executive level.

The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 as amended, 38 U.S.C. 4212, prohibits employment discriminati against, and requires affirmative action to recruit, employ, and advance in employment, disabled veterans, recently separated veterans (i.e., within three years of discharge or release from active duty), active duty wartime or campaign badge veterans,

Retaliation is prohibited against a person who files a complaint of discrimination, participates in an OFCCP proceeding, or

OFCCP's authorities should contact immediately:

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dia 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services. OFCCP may also be contacted by submitting a question online to OFCCP's Help Desk at https://ofccphelpdesk.dol.gov/s/, or by calling an OFCCP regional or district office, listed in most telephone directories under U.S. Government, Department of Labor and on OFCCP's "Contact Us" webpage at https://www.dol.gov/agencies/

PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES RECEIVING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Race, Color, National Origin, Sex In addition to the protections of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as or national origin in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Employment discrimination is covered by Title VI if the primary objective of the financial assistance is provision of employment, or where employment discrimination causes or may cause discrimination in providing services under such programs. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of sex in

educational programs or activities which receive Federal

Individuals with Disabilities

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, Discrimination is prohibited in all aspects of employment against persons with disabilities who, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of the job.

of any institution which receives Federal financial assistance you should immediately contact the Federal agency providing

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE

BEGINNING JULY 24, 2009

PUMP AT WORK The FLSA requires employers to provide reasonable break time for a nursing employee to express

The law requires employers to display this poster where employees can readily see it. OVERTIME DAY

At least 1½ times the regular rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek An employee must be at least 16 years old to work in most non-farm jobs and at least 18 to work in non-farm jobs declared hazardous by the Secretary of Labor. Youths 14 and 15 years old may work outside school hours in various non-manufacturing, non-maining, non-hazardous jobs with certain work hours restrictions. Different rules apply in agricultural employment.

TIP CREDIT

Employers of "tipped employees" who meet certain conditions may claim a partial wage credit based on tips received by their employees. Employers must pay tipped employees a cash wage of at least \$2.13 per hour if they claim a tip credit against their minimum wage obligation. If an employee's tips combined with the employer's cash wage of at least \$2.13 per hour do not equal the minimum hourly wage, the employer must make up the difference.

breast milk for their nursing child for one year after the child's birth each time the employee needs to express breast milk. Employers must provide a place, other than a bathroom, that is shielded

from view and free from intrusion from coworkers and the public, which may be used by the ENFORCEMENT

The Department has authority to recover back wages and an equal amount in liquidated damages in instances of minimum wage, overtime, and other violations. The Department may litigate and/or recommend criminal prosecution. Employer may be assessed civil money penalties for each willful or repeated violation of the minimum wage or overtime pay provisions of the law. Civil money penalties may also be assessed for violations of the FLSA's child labor provisions. Heightened civil money penalties may be assessed for each child labor violation that results in the death or serious injury of any minor employee, and such assessments may be doubled wher

- the violations are determined to be willful or repeated. The law also prohibits retaliating against or discharging workers who file a complaint or participate in any proceeding under the FLSA.
- · Special provisions apply to workers in American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
- Some state laws provide greater employee protections; employers must comply with both
- Some employers incorrectly classify workers as "independent contractors" when they are
 actually employees under the FLSA. It is important to know the difference between the two
 because employees (unless exempt) are entitled to the FLSA's minimum wage and overtime
 pay protections and correctly classified independent contractors are not. · Certain full-time students, student learners, apprentices, and workers with disabilities may be



EMPLOYEE RIGHTS EMPLOYEE POLYGRAPH PROTECTION ACT

The Employee Polygraph Protection prohibits most private employers from using lie detector tests either for pre-employment screening or during the course of employment.

Employers are generally prohibited from requiring or requesting any employee or job applicant to take a lie detector test, and from discharging, disciplining, or discriminating against an employee or prospective employee for refusing to take a test or for exercising other

EXEMPTIONS

rights under the Act. Federal, State and local governments are not affected by the law. Also, the law does not apply to tests given by the Federal Government to certain private individuals engaged in national security-related activities. The Act permits polygraph (a kind of lie detector) tests to be administered in the private sector, subject to restrictions, to certain prospective employees of security service firms (armored car, alarm, and guard), and of pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors and dispensers. The Act also permits polygraph testing, subject to restrictions, of certain

employees of private firms who are reasonably suspected of involvement in a workplace incident (theft, embezzlement, etc.) that resulted in economic loss to the employer. The law does not preempt any provision of any State or local law or any collective bargaining agreement which is more restrictive with respect to

EXAMINEE

Where polygraph tests are permitted, they are subject to numerous strict standards concerning the conduct and length of the test. Examinees have a number of specific rights, including the right to a written notice before testing, the right to refuse or discontinue a test, and the right not to have test results disclosed to unauthorized persons

ENFORCEMENT The Secretary of Labor may bring court actions to restrain violations and assess civil penalties against violators. Employees or job applicants may also bring their own court actions.

THE LAW REQUIRES EMPLOYERS TO DISPLAY THIS POSTER WHERE EMPLOYEES AND JOB APPLICANTS CAN READILY SEE IT.





