

# EEOC - Know Your Rights: Workplace Discrimination is Illegal



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The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) enforces Federal laws that protect you from 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 former), including managers and temporary employees
- Job applicants
- Union members and applicants for membership in a union

### What Organizations are Covered?

- Most private employers
- State and local governments (as employers)
- Educational institutions (as employers)
- Unions
- Staffing agencies

### What Types of Employment Discrimination are Illegal?

Under the EEOC's laws, an employer may not discriminate against you, regardless of your immigration status, on the bases of:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- National origin
- Sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions, sexual orientation, or gender identity)
- Age (40 and older)
- Disability
- Genetic information (including employer requests for, or purchase, use, or disclosure of genetic tests, genetic services, or family medical history)
- Retaliation for filing a charge, reasonably opposing

discrimination, or participating in a discrimination lawsuit, investigation, or proceeding

- Interference, coercion, or threats related to exercising rights regarding disability discrimination or pregnancy accommodation

### What Employment Practices can be Challenged as Discriminatory?

All aspects of employment, including:

- Discharge, firing, or lay-off
- Harassment (including unwelcome verbal or physical conduct)
- Hiring or promotion
- Assignment
- Pay (unequal wages or compensation)
- Failure to provide reasonable accommodation for a disability; pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical condition; or a sincerely-held religious belief, observance or practice
- Benefits
- Job training
- Classification
- Referral
- Obtaining or disclosing genetic information of employees
- Requesting or disclosing medical information of employees
- Conduct that might reasonably discourage someone from opposing discrimination, filing a charge, or participating in an investigation or proceeding

• Conduct that coerces, intimidates, threatens, or interferes with someone exercising their rights, or someone assisting or encouraging someone else to exercise rights, regarding disability discrimination (including accommodation) or pregnancy accommodation

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

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

**Submit** an inquiry through the EEOC's public portal: <https://publicportal.eeoc.gov/Portal/Login.aspx>

**Call** 1-800-669-4000 (toll free)  
1-800-669-6820 (TTY)  
1-844-234-5122 (ASL video phone)

**Visit** an EEOC field office (information at [www.eeoc.gov/field-office](http://www.eeoc.gov/field-office))

**E-Mail** [info@eeoc.gov](mailto:info@eeoc.gov)

Additional information about the EEOC, including information about filing a charge of discrimination, is available at [www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov).



## EMPLOYERS HOLDING FEDERAL CONTRACTS OR SUBCONTRACTS

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:

**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 inquiring 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, protects qualified individuals with disabilities from discrimination 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.

**Protected Veteran Status** The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, 38 U.S.C. 4212, prohibits employment discrimination 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, or Armed Forces service medal veterans.

**Retaliation** Retaliation is prohibited against a person who files a complaint of discrimination, participates in an OFCCP proceeding, or otherwise opposes discrimination by Federal contractors under these Federal laws. Any person who believes a contractor has violated its nondiscrimination or affirmative action obligations under OFCCP's authorities should contact immediately:

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP)  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20210  
1-800-397-6251 (toll-free)

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 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/ofccp/contact>.

## 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 amended, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color 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 financial assistance.

**Individuals with Disabilities** Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of disability in any program or activity which receives Federal financial assistance. 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. If you believe you have been discriminated against in a program of any institution which receives Federal financial assistance, you should immediately contact the Federal agency providing such assistance.

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# ILLINOIS MINIMUM WAGE



State of Illinois  
Illinois Department of Labor

This is a summary of laws that satisfies Illinois Department of Labor posting requirements.



## Your Rights Under Illinois Employment Laws

The mission of the Illinois Department of Labor is to protect and promote the wages, welfare, working conditions, and safety of Illinois workers by enforcing State labor and employment laws, providing compliance assistance to employers, and increasing public awareness of workplace protections. Through enforcement, education, and community partnerships, the Department works to ensure that workers are paid what they are owed and that employers who follow the law remain competitive.

### Minimum Wage & Overtime

#### SETS MINIMUM WAGE FOR EMPLOYEES

Effective Jan. 1 2025

**\$15.00 PER HOUR**

Applies to employers with 4 or more employees. Domestic workers are covered even if the employer only has 1 worker. Certain workers are not covered by the Minimum Wage Law and some workers may be paid less than the minimum wage under limited conditions.

**\$9.00 PER HOUR**

Applies to tipped employees. If an employee's tips combined with the wages from the employer do not equal the minimum wage, the employer must make up the difference.

**\$13.00 PER HOUR**

Applies to youths (under 18) working fewer than 650 hours per calendar year.

#### Overtime

Most hourly employees and some salaried employees are covered by the overtime law and must be compensated at time and one-half their regular pay for hours worked over 40 in a workweek.

Hotline: 1-800-478-3998

### Unpaid Wages

#### WAGE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION ACT

- Employees must receive their final compensation, including earned wages, vacation pay, commissions and bonuses on their next regularly scheduled payday.
- Unauthorized deductions from paychecks are not allowed except as specified by law.
- Employers must reimburse employees for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by an employee during the scope of employment and related to services performed for the employer. Employee must submit reimbursement request within 30 calendar days unless an employer policy allows for additional time to submit
- Employer must provide an employee with a paystub for every pay period.

Hotline: 1-312-793-2808

### Meal & Rest Periods

#### ONE DAY REST IN SEVEN ACT

Provides employees with 24 consecutive hours of rest within every seven (7) consecutive day period.

- Employers may obtain permits from the Department allowing employees to voluntarily work seven consecutive days.
- Employees working 7 1/2 continuous hours must be allowed a meal period of at least 20 minutes no later than 5 hours after the start of work, and an additional 20 minutes if working a 12 hour shift or longer.
- Employees must be afforded reasonable bathroom breaks.

Hotline: 1-312-793-2804

### Paid Leave

#### REQUIRES PAID LEAVE FOR ANY REASON

- **Workers:** Earn up to 40 hours of paid leave from work per year.
- **Use:** Workers can use paid leave for any reason of their choosing. Employers may not require workers to provide a reason for their paid leave request.
- **Accrual:** Workers earn 1 hour of paid leave for every 40 hours they work. Employers may also provide workers with all paid leave hours at the start of the 12-month period (frontloading).
- **Carryover:** Workers rollover all unused accrued paid leave at the end of the year. Any unused frontloaded leave does not have to be carried over.
- **Retaliation is prohibited:** Penalties may apply to employers that take adverse action against workers who exercise their rights under this law.

#### Existing Policy and Exclusions

Certain exceptions may apply for employers who already provide their workers with paid leave. There are also certain categories of workers that are not covered by the law.

Hotline: 312-793-2600

### Equal Pay Act

Requires employers to pay equal wages to men and women doing the same or substantially similar work, unless such wage differences are based upon a seniority system, a merit system, or factors other than gender.

- Employers and employment agencies are banned from asking applicants past wage and compensation histories.
- Employees may disclose or discuss their own salaries, benefits, and other compensation with their co-workers and colleagues.
- Employers are not allowed to pay less to African American employees versus non- African American employees
- Certain employees at large businesses may request wage/salary history for their job title from IDOL.
- Employers that publish job postings must include that position's pay and benefits if an individual works in Illinois or, if working remotely out of state, reports to a supervisor or work location in Illinois.

Hotline: 1-866-372-4365

### Child Labor

#### WORKERS UNDER AGE 16

Children under the age of 14 may not work in most jobs, except under limited conditions.

14 and 15-year-olds may work if the following requirements are met:

- Employment certificates have been issued by the school district and filed with the Department of Labor confirming that a minor is old enough to work, physically capable to perform the job, and that the job will not interfere with the minor's education;
  - The work is not deemed a hazardous occupation (a full listing can be found on our website);
  - Work is limited to 3 hours per day on school days, 8 hours per day on non- school days and no more than 6 days or 18 hours per week when school is in session or 40 hours per week when school is not in session.
  - Work is performed only between the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the school year (7 a.m. to 9 p.m. June through September); and
  - A 30-minute meal period is provided no later than the fifth hour of work.

Hotline: 1-800-645-5784

### Violent Crime Victims' Leave

Provides employees who are victims of domestic, gender, or sexual violence or any other crime of violence, or who have family or household members who are victims, in certain situations, with up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave and other accommodations and protections during a 12-month period.

- Employees who are eligible for unpaid bereavement leave under the Family Bereavement Leave Act are entitled to an additional 2 weeks of unpaid leave for certain reasons relating to a family or household member's death due to a crime of violence. This leave must be used within 60 days after the date the employee received notice of the death of the victim.
- Effective 1/1/26, employees cannot be discriminated or retaliated against for using an employer-issued electronic device to document domestic, sexual, or gender violence, or any other crime of violence. Employers must also provide employees with access to the data stored on these devices related to the violence.

Hotline: 1-312-793-2600

For more information or to file a complaint, contact the Department at:



524 South 2nd St, Suite 400,  
Springfield, IL 62701 (217) 782-6206  
160 N. LaSalle, St, Suite C-1300,  
Chicago, IL 60601 (312) 793-2800  
2309 W. Main Street, Suite 115  
Marion, IL 62959 (618) 993-7090  
For a complete text of the laws, visit  
our website: [www.labor.illinois.gov](http://www.labor.illinois.gov)

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# VETERANS BENEFITS AND SERVICES

## ★ Illinois Veterans Benefits and Services



The resources listed are available at no cost to assist Illinois veterans in gaining their earned benefits and services and understanding their rights, protections, and accommodations.

### Mental Health and Substance Abuse Resources

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Crisis Line  
Call: 988, press 1 • Text: 838255

### Veteran Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Crisis Line  
Call: 988, press 1 • Text: 838255

### Crisis Text line

Text: 741741 • Chat: [crisistextline.org](https://crisistextline.org)

### State Resources



#### Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs

<https://veterans.illinois.gov/>



#### Illinois Office of the Attorney General

Military and Veterans Rights Bureau



#### Illinois Secretary of State

Veteran Driver's License or non-driver Veteran Identification Card and military specialized license plates

### United States Department of Veterans Affairs federal claims support



#### U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



#### County Veterans Assistance Commission



#### Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs



#### Veterans Service Organizations in Illinois

### Military and Veterans Rights Helpline



The Military and Veterans Rights Bureau offers a helpline, 1-800-382-3000, to assist servicemembers, veterans, and dependents on a wide-variety of issues related to military service while providing useful information designed to assist in the receipt of veterans' benefits.

### Illinois State Benefits Support



#### Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs



#### Property Tax Benefits: Standard Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities

### Legal Services



#### Illinois Armed Forces Legal Aid Network (855-452-3526)



#### Veteran Treatment Court

### Educational Benefits



#### Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs

### Women Veterans



#### Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs



#### U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Center for Women Veterans

### Homeless Veterans

National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at (877) 4AID-VET (877-424-3838)



#### United States Department of Veterans Affairs Homeless Program



#### Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs Prince Home

### Protections for Survivors of Sexual Violence in the Military

To learn more about established protections, refer to: PA 102-0890 ([ilga.gov](http://ilga.gov))  
For Service Members, Veterans, and Families (SMVF) in Crisis

**IDVA** ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**Veterans Crisis Line**  
DIAL 988 then PRESS 1

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# OSHA CARES

As an employee, you have the right to:

- A safe workplace
- Speak up about safety and health concerns without retaliation
- Report an injury or illness
- Training in a manner you understand
- Be provided required safety equipment
- Request an OSHA inspection and speak with the inspector
- File a complaint with OSHA about workplace hazards
- Free safety and compliance assistance from OSHA at any time

## THAT YOU GO HOME SAFE

**Call us at 800-321-OSHA  
or visit [OSHA.gov/workers](https://www.osha.gov/workers)**





## 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 HAVE 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. Where necessary, the employer must also pay for physical, mental, or vocational rehabilitation, within prescribed limits. The employee may choose two physicians, surgeons, or hospitals. If the employer notifies you that it has an approved Preferred Provider Program for workers' compensation, the PPP counts as one of your two choices of providers.
- 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:

**Chicago: 312/814-6500**  
**Web site: [www.iwcc.il.gov](http://www.iwcc.il.gov)**

**Collinsville: 618/346-3450**

**Peoria: 312/814-6500**  
**Rockford: 312/814-6500**

**Springfield: 217/785-7087**  
**TDD (Deaf): 866/383-4370**

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

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

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# EMPLOYEE POLYGRAPH PROTECTION ACT

## EMPLOYEE RIGHTS EMPLOYEE POLYGRAPH PROTECTION ACT

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

**PROHIBITIONS** 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 rights under the Act.

**EXEMPTIONS** 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 lie detector tests.

**EXAMINEE RIGHTS** 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.**



WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

1-866-487-9243  
[www.dol.gov/agencies/whd](http://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd)



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# PAID LEAVE



## PAID LEAVE FOR ALL WORKERS ACT NOTICE

Employers must provide employees with up to 40 hours of paid leave for any reason.

### Paid Leave

- **Workers:** Earn up to 40 hours of paid leave from work per year.
- **Use:** Workers can use paid leave for any reason of their choosing. Employers may not require workers to provide a reason for their paid leave request or require a worker to find a replacement worker.
- **Accrual:** Workers earn 1 hour of paid leave for every 40 hours they work. Employers may also provide workers with all paid leave hours at the start of the 12-month period (frontloading).
- **Carryover:** Workers rollover all unused accrued paid leave at the end of the year. Any unused frontloaded leave does not have to be carried over.

- **Retaliation is prohibited:** Penalties may apply to employers that take adverse action against workers who exercise their rights under this law.



See QR code for more information on how to file a complaint and applicable exceptions to the law.



### Penalties

Workers may recover the amount they should have been paid for the leave, penalties, and other equitable relief.

### Filing a Complaint

A worker may file a complaint with the Illinois Department of Labor alleging a violation of this Act by filling out a complaint form at [labor.illinois.gov/paidleave](http://labor.illinois.gov/paidleave).

### Existing Policy and Exclusions

Certain exceptions may apply for employers who already provide their workers with paid leave. There are also certain categories of workers that are not covered by the law.

For a complete text of the laws, visit our website at:

[www.labor.illinois.gov](http://www.labor.illinois.gov)

For more information or to file a Complaint, contact us at:

[DOL.PaidLeave@illinois.gov](mailto:DOL.PaidLeave@illinois.gov)

312-793-2600

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# PAY TRANSPARENCY



State of Illinois  
Illinois Department of Labor

## Pay Transparency Updates to the Illinois Equal Pay Act of 2003



### Employers with Pay Transparency Requirements

Any employer with 15 or more employees who, after January 1, 2025, publishes a job posting for a specific employment opportunity is required to include pay and benefits information in the job posting **IF** the work is to be performed:

- Physically in Illinois, at least in part **OR**
- Outside Illinois, but reporting to an Illinois supervisor, office, or work site.

### Required Information

Wage or salary (or a defined pay range) and general description of benefits for the position advertised.

- Employers may include a hyperlink to a publicly viewable web page that includes pay and benefits, so long as it gives pay and benefits for the specific position.



**Phone:** (312) 793-6797

**Email:** [DOL.EqualPay@illinois.gov](mailto:DOL.EqualPay@illinois.gov)

**Website:** [Labor.Illinois.gov/pay](http://Labor.Illinois.gov/pay)



### Opportunity for Promotion

When an employer with 15 or more employees chooses to publish a specific job posting externally, such as on a job board or website, then the employer must also inform all current employees of the job opportunity.

- Please note that this requirement only applies for jobs to be performed at least in part in Illinois, or outside Illinois but reporting to an Illinois supervisor, office, or work site.

### Complaints

A person may file a complaint about pay transparency or promotional opportunity in job postings within one year of the violation.

To file a complaint, visit [labor.illinois.gov/pay](http://labor.illinois.gov/pay)

### Retaliation

An employer or an employment agency shall not refuse to interview, hire, promote, or employ, and shall not otherwise retaliate against, an applicant for employment or an employee for exercising any rights under subsection.

### Penalties

An employer may have to pay penalties if, after investigation, the Department finds that they have violated these requirements.

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# UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Illinois Department of Employment Security

## NOTICE

to workers about Unemployment Insurance Benefits

### THE POSTING OF THIS NOTICE IS REQUIRED BY THE ILLINOIS UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT.

#### FILING A CLAIM

The Illinois Unemployment Insurance Act provides for the payment of benefits to eligible unemployed workers and for the collection of employer contributions from liable employers. It is designed to provide living expenses while new employment is sought. Claims should be filed as soon as possible after separation from employment. Claims can be filed online at [www.ides.illinois.gov](http://www.ides.illinois.gov) or at the nearest Illinois Department of Employment Security office to the worker's home. To be eligible for benefits, an unemployed individual must be available for work, able to work and actively seeking work and, in addition, must not be disqualified under any provisions of the Illinois Unemployment Insurance Act. Each employer shall deliver the pamphlet "What Every Worker Should Know About Unemployment Insurance" to each worker separated from employment for an expected duration of seven or more days. The pamphlet shall be delivered to the worker at the time of separation or, if delivery is impracticable, mailed within five days after the date of the separation to the worker's last known address. Pamphlets shall be supplied by the Illinois Department of Employment Security to each employer without cost. A claimant may also be entitled to receive, in addition to the weekly benefit amount, an allowance for a non-working spouse or a dependent child or children. The allowance is a percentage of the average weekly wage of the claimant in his or her base period. The weekly benefit amount plus any allowance for a dependent make up the total amount payable. If, during a calendar week an employee does not work full time because of lack of work, he or she may be eligible for partial benefits if the wages earned in such calendar week are less than his or her weekly benefit amount. For any such week, employers should provide employees with a statement of "low earnings" which should be taken to their Illinois Department of Employment Security office.

**NOTE:** Illinois unemployment insurance benefits are paid from a trust fund to which only employers contribute. No deductions may be made from the wages of workers for this purpose. Unemployment insurance information is available from any Illinois Department of Employment Security office. To locate the office nearest you, call 1-800-244-5631 or access the locations through our web site at: [www.ides.illinois.gov](http://www.ides.illinois.gov).

#### BENEFITS

Every claimant who files a new claim for unemployment insurance benefits must serve an unpaid waiting week for which he has filed and is otherwise eligible. The claimant's weekly benefit amount is usually a percentage of the worker's average weekly wage. The worker's average weekly wage is computed by dividing the wages paid during the two highest quarters of the base period by 26. The maximum weekly benefit amount is a percentage of the statewide average weekly wage. The minimum weekly benefit amount is \$51. The statewide average weekly wage is calculated each year.

In order to be monetarily eligible, a claimant must be paid a minimum of \$1,600 during the base period with at least \$440 of that amount being paid outside the highest calendar quarter. If you have been awarded temporary total

<b>If Your Benefit Year Begins:</b>	<b>Your Base Period Will Be:</b>
<i>This year between:</i> Jan. 1 and March 31	<i>Last year between:</i> Jan. 1 and Sept. 30 and the year before between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31
<i>This year between:</i> April 1 and June 30	<i>Last year between:</i> Jan. 1 and Dec. 31
<i>This year between:</i> July 1 and Sept. 30	<i>Last year between:</i> April 1 and Dec. 31 and this year between Jan. 1 and March 31
<i>This year between:</i> Oct. 1 and Dec. 31	<i>Last year between:</i> July 1 and Dec. 31 and this year between Jan. 1 and June 30

disability benefits under a workers' compensation act or other similar acts, or if you only have worked within the last few months, your base period may be determined differently. Contact your local IDES office for more information.

#### REPORTING TIPS

Each employee who receives tips must report these tips to employers on a written statement or on Form UC-51, "Employee's Report of Tips," in duplicate. Employers can furnish this form on request. The report shall be submitted on the day the wages are paid, or not later than the next payday, and shall include the amount of tips received during the pay period.

#### TAXATION OF BENEFITS

Unemployment insurance benefits are taxable if you are required to file a state or federal income tax return. You may choose to have federal and/or Illinois state income tax withheld from your weekly benefits. Since benefits are not subject to mandatory income tax withholding, if you do not choose to withhold, you may be required to make estimated tax payments using Internal Revenue Service Form 1040 ES and Illinois Department of Revenue Form IL 1040 ES.

**For additional information, call these toll-free numbers: Internal Revenue Service 1-800-829-1040. Illinois Department of Revenue 1-800-732-8866.**

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## PREGNANCY and your RIGHTS in the WORKPLACE

**Are you pregnant, recovering from childbirth, or do you have a medical or common condition related to pregnancy?**

**If so, you have the right to:**

- Ask your employer for a reasonable accommodation for your pregnancy, such as more frequent bathroom breaks, assistance with heavy work, a private space for expressing milk, or time off to recover from your pregnancy.
- Reject an unsolicited accommodation offered by your employer for your pregnancy.
- Continue working during your pregnancy if a reasonable accommodation is available which would allow you to continue performing your job.



State of Illinois  
Department of Human Rights

**Your employer cannot:**

- Discriminate against you because of your pregnancy.
- Retaliate against you because you requested a reasonable accommodation.

It is illegal for your employer to fire you, refuse to hire you or to refuse to provide you with a reasonable accommodation because of your pregnancy. For more information regarding your rights, download the Illinois Department of Human Rights' fact sheet from our website at [dhr.illinois.gov](http://dhr.illinois.gov)

Es ilegal que su empleador la despida, se niegue a contratarla o a proporcionarle una adaptación razonable a causa de su embarazo. Para obtener información sobre el embarazo y sus derechos en el lugar de trabajo en español, visite [dhr.illinois.gov](http://dhr.illinois.gov)

**For immediate help or if you have questions regarding your rights. Call 312-814-6200 or 217-785-5100 or (866) 740-3953 (TTY)**

**CHICAGO OFFICE**  
555 W Monroe St, Ste. 700  
Intake Unit  
Chicago, IL 60661  
(312) 814-6200



**SPRINGFIELD OFFICE**  
524 S 2nd Street, 3rd  
Floor Intake Unit  
Springfield, IL 62701  
(217) 785-5100

Learn more, contact IDHR, or initiate a charge at: <https://dhr.illinois.gov>

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# FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE

## EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

# FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE \$7.25

PER HOUR  
BEGINNING  
JULY 24, 2009

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

**OVERTIME PAY** At least 1 ½ times your regular rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek.

**CHILD LABOR** 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-mining, 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.

**PUMP AT WORK** The FLSA requires employers to provide reasonable break time for a nursing employee to express breast milk for her 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 employee to express breast milk.

**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. Employers 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 when 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.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Certain occupations and establishments are exempt from the minimum wage, and/or overtime pay provisions. Certain narrow exemptions also apply to the pump at work requirements.
- 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 paid less than the minimum wage under special certificates issued by the Department of Labor.



WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

1-866-487-9243  
[www.dol.gov/agencies/whd](http://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd)



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## Your Employee Rights Under the Family and Medical Leave Act

**What is FMLA leave?** The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) is a federal law that provides eligible employees with **job-protected leave** for qualifying family and medical reasons. The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) enforces the FMLA for most employees.

Eligible employees can take **up to 12 workweeks** of FMLA leave in a 12-month period for:

- 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 servicemember.

An eligible employee who is the spouse, child, parent or next of kin of a covered servicemember with a serious injury or illness **may take up to 26 workweeks** of FMLA leave in a single 12-month period to care for the servicemember.

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 information.

FMLA leave is **not paid leave**, but you may choose, or be required by your employer, to use any employer-provided paid leave if your employer's paid leave policy covers the reason for which you need FMLA leave.

**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 of your work location.

Airline flight crew employees have different "hours of service" requirements.

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
- You work for a public agency, such as a local, state or federal government agency. Most federal employees are covered by Title II of the FMLA, administered by the Office of Personnel Management.

**How do I request FMLA leave?** Generally, **to request FMLA leave you must:**

- 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 not 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 **must also inform your employer if FMLA leave was previously taken** or approved for the same reason when requesting additional leave.

Your **employer may request certification** from a health care provider to verify medical leave and may request certification of a qualifying exigency.

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 lawsuits regarding leave for their own serious health conditions. Most federal and certain congressional employees are also covered by the law but are subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management or Congress.

**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, your 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 must confirm whether you are eligible** or not eligible for FMLA leave. If your employer determines that you are eligible, your **employer must notify you in writing:**

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

**Where can I find more information?**

Call **1-866-487-9243** or visit [dol.gov/fmla](https://dol.gov/fmla) to learn more.

If you believe your rights under the FMLA have been violated, you may file a complaint with WHD or file a private lawsuit against your employer in court. **Scan the QR code to learn about our WHD complaint process.**



WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR



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# USERRA - UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT



## YOUR RIGHTS UNDER USERRA

### THE UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT

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.

#### REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

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;
- you 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
- you have not been separated from service with a disqualifying discharge or under other than honorable conditions.

If 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

If you:

- 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:

- initial employment;
- reemployment;
- retention in employment;
- promotion; or
- any benefit of employment

because of this status.

In addition, an employer may not retaliate against anyone assisting in the enforcement of USERRA rights, including testifying or making a statement in connection with a proceeding under USERRA, even if that person has no service connection.

#### HEALTH INSURANCE PROTECTION

- If you leave your job to perform military service, you have the right to elect to continue your existing employer-based health plan coverage for you and your dependents for up to 24 months while in the military.
- Even if you don't elect to continue coverage during your military 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 for service-connected illnesses or injuries.

#### ENFORCEMENT

- The U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) is authorized to investigate and resolve complaints of USERRA violations.
- 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 may request that your case be referred to the Department of Justice or the Office of Special Counsel, as applicable, for representation.
- You may also bypass the VETS process and bring a civil action against an employer for violations of USERRA.

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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 address: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets/programs/userra/poster> Federal law requires employers to notify employees of their rights under USERRA, and employers may meet this requirement by displaying the text of this notice where they customarily place notices for employees.



U.S. Department of Labor  
1-866-487-2365



U.S. Department of Justice



Office of Special Counsel



Employer Support Of The Guard  
And Reserve 1-800-336-4590

# WORKER FREEDOM OF SPEECH ACT

(820 ILCS 57/1)

**Sec. 1.** Short title. This Act may be cited as the Worker Freedom of Speech Act.(Source: P.A. 103-722, eff. 1-1-25.)(820 ILCS 57/5)

**Sec. 5.** Findings; legislative intent. (a) The General Assembly finds that it is in the public policy interests of the State for all working Illinoisans to have protections from mandatory participation in employer-sponsored meetings if the meeting is designed to communicate an employer's position on religious or political matters. (b) Employees should not be subject to intimidation tactics, acts of retaliation, discipline, or discharge from their employer for choosing not to participate in employer-sponsored meetings. (Source: P.A. 103-722, eff. 1-1-25.)(820 ILCS 57/10)

**Sec. 10.** Definitions. As used in this Act: "Department" means the Department of Labor. "Director" means the Director of Labor. "Employee" has the meaning given in Section 2 of the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act. "Employer" has the meaning given in Section 2 of the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act. "Employer" includes the State or any political subdivision of the State, unit of local government, or State or local government agency. "Interested party" means an organization that monitors or is attentive to compliance with public or worker safety laws, wage and hour requirements, or other statutory requirements. "Political matters" means matters relating to elections for political office, political parties, proposals to change legislation, proposals to change regulations, proposals to change public policy, and the decision to join or support any political party or political, civic, community, fraternal, or labor organization. "Religious matters" means matters relating to religious belief, affiliation, and practice and the decision to join or support any religious organization or association. "Voluntary" means, with respect to an action, that the action is not: (1) incentivized by a positive change in any employment condition, including, but not limited to, any form of compensation or any other benefit of employment; and (2) taken under threat of a negative change in any employment condition for non-attendance, including, but not limited to, the provisions set forth in Section 15, any negative performance evaluation, or any other adverse change in any form of compensation or any other benefit of employment.(Source: P.A. 103-722, eff. 1-1-25.)(820 ILCS 57/15)

**Sec. 15.** Employee protections. An employer or the employer's agent, representative, or designee may not discharge, discipline, or otherwise penalize, threaten to discharge, discipline, or otherwise penalize, or take any adverse employment action against an employee: (1) because the employee declines to attend or participate in an employer-sponsored meeting or declines to receive or listen to communications from the employer or the agent, representative, or designee of the employer if the meeting or communication is to communicate the opinion of the employer about religious matters or political matters; (2) as a means of inducing an employee to attend or participate in meetings or receive or listen to communications described in paragraph (1); or (3) because the employee, or a person acting on behalf of the employee, makes a good faith report, orally or in writing, of a violation or a suspected violation of this Act. (Source: P.A. 103-722, eff. 1-1-25.)(820 ILCS 57/20)

**Sec. 20.** Right of action. An aggrieved employee may bring a civil action to enforce any provision of this Act no later than one year after the date of the alleged violation. A civil action may be brought by one or more employees for and on behalf of themselves and other employees similarly situated. The court may award a prevailing employee all appropriate relief, including injunctive relief, reinstatement to the employee's former position or an equivalent position, back pay, reestablishment of any employee benefits, including seniority, to which the employee would otherwise have been eligible if the violation had not occurred, and any other appropriate relief as deemed necessary by the court to make the employee whole. The court shall award a prevailing employee reasonable attorney's fees and costs.(Source: P.A. 103-722, eff. 1-1-25.)(820 ILCS 57/25)

**Sec. 25.** Powers of the Department and civil penalties. (a) The Department shall inquire into any alleged violations of this Act, brought to its attention by an interested party, to institute the actions for the penalties provided in this Section and to enforce the provisions of this Act. In addition to the relief set forth in Section 20, an employer shall be assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000 for each violation of Section 15, payable to the Department. Each employee who is subject to a violation of Section 15 shall constitute a separate violation. (b) Upon a reasonable belief that an employer covered by this Act is in violation of any part of this Act, an interested party may assert that a violation of this Act has occurred and bring an action for penalties in the county where the violation is alleged to have occurred or where the principal office of the employer is located, pursuant to the following sequence of events: (1) The interested party submits to the Department a complaint describing the violation and naming the employer alleged to have violated this Act. (2) The Department sends notice of complaint to the named party alleged to have violated this Act and the interested party. The named party may either contest the alleged violation or cure the alleged violation. (3) The named party contests or cures the alleged violation within 30 days after the receipt of the notice of complaint or, if the named party does not respond within 30 days, the Department issues a notice of right to sue to the interested party as described in paragraph (4). (4) The Department issues a notice of right to sue to the interested party, if one or more of the following has occurred: (A) the named party has cured the alleged violation to the satisfaction of the Director; (B) the Director has determined that the allegation is unjustified or that the Department does not have jurisdiction over the matter or the parties; or (C) the Director has determined that the allegation is justified or has not made a determination, and either has decided not to exercise jurisdiction over the matter or has concluded administrative enforcement of the matter. (c) If, within 180 days after service of the notice of complaint to the parties, the Department has not (i) resolved the contest and cure period, (ii) with the mutual agreement of the parties, extended the time for the named party to cure the violation and resolve the complaint, or (iii) issued a right to sue letter, the interested party may initiate a civil action for penalties. The parties may extend the 180-day period by mutual agreement. The limitations period for the interested party to bring an action for the alleged violation of this Act shall be tolled for the 180-day period and for the period of any mutually agreed extensions. At the end of the 180-day period, or any mutually agreed extensions, the Department shall issue a right to sue letter to the interested party. (d) Any claim or action filed under this Section must be made within 3 years after the alleged conduct resulting in the complaint plus any period for which the limitations period has been tolled. (e) In an action brought under this Section, an interested party may recover against the employer any statutory penalties set forth in subsection (a) and injunctive relief. An interested party who prevails in a civil action shall receive 10% of any statutory penalties assessed, plus any attorney's fees and expenses in bringing the action. (f) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prevent an employee from bringing a civil action for the employee's own claim for a violation of this Act as described in Section 20.(Source: P.A. 103-722, eff. 1-1-25.)(820 ILCS 57/30)

**Sec. 30.** Notice. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Act, an employer shall post and keep posted a notice of employee rights under this Act where employee notices are customarily placed.(Source: P.A. 103-722, eff. 1-1-25.)(820 ILCS 57/35)

**Sec. 35.** Exceptions. Nothing in this Act: (1) prohibits communications of information that the employer is required by law to communicate, but only to the extent of the lawful requirement; (2) limits the rights of an employer or its agent, representative, or designee to conduct meetings involving religious matters or political matters, so long as attendance is voluntary, or to engage in communications, so long as receipt or listening is voluntary; (3) limits the rights of an employer or its agent, representative, or designee from communicating to its employees any information that is necessary for the employees to perform their required job duties; (4) prohibits an employer or its agent, representative, or designee from requiring its employees to attend any training intended to foster a civil and collaborative workplace or reduce or prevent workplace harassment or discrimination; (5) prohibits an institution of higher education, or any agent, representative, or designee of the institution, from conducting meetings or participating in any communications with its employees concerning any coursework, symposia, research, publication, or an academic program at the institution; (6) prohibits a political organization, a political party organization, a caucus organization, a candidate's political organization, or a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code from requiring its staff or employees to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or participate in any communication with the employer or the employer's agent, representative or designee for the purpose of communicating the employer's political tenets or purposes; (7) prohibits the General Assembly or a State or local legislative or regulatory body from requiring its employees to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or participate in any communication with the employer or the employer's agent, representative, or designee for the purpose of communicating the employer's proposals to change legislation, proposals to change regulations, or proposals to change public policy; or (8) prohibits a religious organization from requiring its employees to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or participate in any communication with the employer or the employer's agent, representative, or designee for the purpose of communicating the employer's religious beliefs, practices, or tenets.(Source: P.A. 103-722, eff. 1-1-25; 104-417, eff. 8-15-25.)



## **YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE ILLINOIS SERVICE MEMBER EMPLOYMENT & REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT (330 ILCS 61)**

ISERRA (Illinois version of USERRA) protects the employment and benefits of service members who leave their civilian employment to serve our Nation or State. In order to protect the common public interest in military service, it is the role of the Illinois Attorney General to promote awareness and ensure compliance with ISERRA by providing information, training, advocacy, and enforcement.

### **WHO IS PROTECTED?**

1. All members of the Armed Forces of the United States whether active duty or reserve, including the National Guard when performing State duty.
2. All members of Military Auxiliary Radio System, United States Coast Guard Reserve, Civil Air Patrol, and the Merchant Marines when performing official duties in support of an emergency.
3. Members who are released from military duty with follow-on care by the Department of Defense.

**WHAT ARE THE RIGHTS, BENEFITS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER ISERRA?** ISERRA provides the same protections as USERRA (i.e., reemployment, benefits and discrimination) but expands protections to persons identified above and incorporates existing benefits to service members who are public employees. Because ISERRA represents the minimum employer requirements, employers maintain the right to provide greater benefits at their discretion.

**WHO ENFORCES ISERRA?** The ISERRA Advocate is an Assistant Attorney General appointed by the Illinois Attorney General to provide both advocacy and enforcement under ISERRA.

**WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION?** Both service members and employers can find more information on the Attorney General's ISERRA Advocate webpage at <https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/rights-of-the-people/military-and-veterans-rights/> or call the Military & Veterans Rights Helpline at 1-800-382-3000 to ask questions or request training.



This notice is available for download on the Attorney General's website by going to <https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/rights-of-the-people/military-and-veterans-rights/>. Employers are required to provide employees entitled to rights and benefits under ISERRA a notice of the rights, benefits, and obligations of service member employees. This requirement may be met by the posting of this notice where employers customarily place notices for employees. ISERRA is codified as Public Act 100-1101 and can be found at <https://www.ilga.gov/Legislation/publicacts/view/100-1101>.



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# DISCRIMINATION AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT



## YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM JOB DISCRIMINATION AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT.



The Illinois Human Rights Act states that you have **the right to be free from unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment**. This means that employers may not treat people differently based on race, age, gender, pregnancy, disability, sexual orientation or any other protected class named in the Act. This applies to all employer actions, including hiring, promotion, discipline and discharge.

### **REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS**

You also have the right to reasonable accommodations based on pregnancy and disability. This means you can ask for reasonable changes to your job if needed because you are pregnant or disabled.



### **RETALIATION**

It is also unlawful for employers to treat people differently because they have reported discrimination, participated in an investigation, or helped others exercise their right to complain about discrimination.



### **REPORT DISCRIMINATION**

To report discrimination, you may:

1. Contact your employer's human resources or personnel department.
2. Contact the Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR) to file a charge.
3. Call the Illinois Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Helpline at 1-877-236-7703 to talk to someone about your concerns.

Chicago:  
555 W Monroe Street, 7th Floor,  
Chicago, IL 60661  
(312) 814-6200  
(866) 740-3953(TTY)  
(312) 814-6251 (Fax)

Springfield:  
524 S. 2nd St., Suite 300  
Springfield, IL 62701  
(217) 785-5100  
(866) 740-3953 (TTY)  
(217) 785-5106 (Fax)

Website: [dhr.illinois.gov](http://dhr.illinois.gov) | Email: [IDHR.Intake@illinois.gov](mailto:IDHR.Intake@illinois.gov)

Employers shall make this poster available and display it where employees can readily see it.

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# VESSA - VICTIMS' ECONOMIC SECURITY AND SAFETY ACT



State of Illinois  
Illinois Department of Labor

## Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act (VESSA)

### REQUIRED NOTICE FOR EMPLOYERS

**VESSA** provides employees who are victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, gender violence, or any other crime of violence, and employees who have a family or household member who is a victim of such violence, with unpaid, job-guaranteed leave; reasonable accommodations; and protections from discrimination and retaliation. This time may be used if the employee or the employee's family or household member is:

- Experiencing an incident of domestic violence, sexual violence, gender violence, or any other crime of violence
- Recovering from the violence;
- Seeking or receiving medical help, legal assistance (including participation in legal proceedings), counseling, safety planning, or other assistance;
- Temporarily or permanently relocating;
- Taking other actions to increase the safety of the victim from future domestic, sexual, or gender violence, or any other crime of violence, or to ensure economic security.
- Attending the funeral or alternative to a funeral if death is caused by crime of violence;
- Making arrangements necessitated by a death caused by a crime of violence; or
- Grieving a death caused by a crime of violence.

**NOTICE AND CERTIFICATION** Employees must provide the employer with at least 48 hours advance notice of the intention to take leave, unless providing advance notice is not practicable. If an employee is unable to provide advance notice, an employee must provide notice when an employee is able to do so, within a reasonable period of time after the absence. Certification may be provided to the employer by a sworn statement of the employee and other documentation, if the employee has possession, such as the following:

- Documentation from an employee, agent or volunteer of a victim services organization, an attorney, a member of the clergy, or medical or other professional assisting in addressing the violence;
- A police, court, or military record;
- A death certificate, published obituary, or written verification of death, burial,

- or memorial services, or
- Other corroborating evidence.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** VESSA provides that employees are entitled to reasonable accommodations to address the needs of the victim(s). Accommodations include, but are not limited to, an adjustment to the job structure, workplace facility, work requirements, or telephone number, seating assignment, or physical security of the work area. An employee has the right to access any digital documents or communications stored on an employer-issued device relating to domestic, sexual, or gender violence, or any other crime of violence.

**DISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION** VESSA prohibits employers from discriminating, retaliating, or otherwise treating an employee or job applicant unfavorably if the individual involved:

- Is or is perceived to be a victim of domestic, sexual, or gender violence, or any other crime of violence;
- Attended, participated in, prepared for, or requested leave to attend, participate in, or prepare for a criminal or civil court or administrative proceeding relating to domestic, sexual, or gender violence, or any other crime of violence;
- Requested or took VESSA leave for any reason;
- Requested an accommodation, regardless of whether the accommodation was granted;
- Used employer-issued equipment to record domestic, sexual, or gender violence, or any other crime of violence committed against them or a family or household member.
- The workplace is disrupted or threatened by the action of a person whom the individual states has committed or threatened to commit domestic, sexual, or gender violence, or any other crime of violence, against the individual or the individual's family or household member; or
- Exercised any other rights under VESSA.

**CONFIDENTIALITY** Employers must maintain the confidentiality of all information pertaining to the use of VESSA leave pursuant to 820 ILCS 180/30(d).

#### AMOUNT OF LEAVE permitted during a 12-month period under the VESSA based on number of employees:

Number of employees	Leave permitted	Leave may be taken consecutively, intermittently, or on a reduced work schedule basis.	*As of January 1, 2024, employees who have worked at least 1250 hours in the previous 12 months working for employers with 50 or more employees (employees eligible under the Family Bereavement Leave Act, 820 ILCS 154 et seq.) are entitled to 2 additional weeks unpaid leave for certain reasons relating to a family or household member's death due to a crime of violence to be completed within 60 days after the date the employee received notice of the death of the victim.
1-14 employees	4 weeks		
15-49 employees	8 weeks		
50 or more employees	12 weeks*		

**COMPLAINTS** For information on filing a complaint please call: **312-793-6797** or visit [labor.illinois.gov/veessa](http://labor.illinois.gov/veessa)

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160 North LaSalle, Suite C-1300  
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# DAY AND TEMPORARY LABOR SERVICE AGENCIES



State of Illinois  
Illinois Department of Labor

## DAY AND TEMPORARY LABOR SERVICES ACT

### TEMPORARY WORKER RIGHTS

#### CORRECT WAGES AND PAYMENT NOTICE

You have the right to be paid correctly based on your pay rate and hours worked and in accordance with all applicable wage laws. The Day and Temporary Labor Services Agency must provide you with a detailed statement with the name and contact information for each thirdparty client where you worked, number of hours worked at each client company's worksite each day, your rate of pay for each hour worked, total pay period earnings, and all deductions.

#### SAFETY AND HAZARD TRAINING

On or before your first day working at a client company each year, the Day and Temporary Labor Services Agency must give you general safety training for the client company's worksite. The training will cover all known and existing hazards, including hazards reported to the client company or the Day and Temporary Labor Services Agency by a worker. Training will be provided at no cost to you, and you must be paid for time spent in training.

#### RIGHT TO REFUSE ASSIGNMENT DUE TO A LABOR DISPUTE

You have the right to refuse assignment to the client company's worksite or location where there is a strike, lockout, or other labor trouble without being retaliated against by your Day and Temporary Labor Services Agency.

#### TRANSPORTATION

If your Day and Temporary Labor Services Agency or client company provides transportation to a worksite or refers you to a particular person, company, or carpool that provides transportation to a worksite, you cannot be charged for that transportation.

#### EQUAL PAY

A worker that is assigned to work at a client company and performs work at the same client company for more than 720 hours within a 12-month period, has a right to be paid not less than the straight time hourly rate of pay or hourly equivalent of a directly hired employee who is entitled to overtime, provided that the worker performs the same or substantially similar work.

If there is not a directly hired employee performing the same or substantially similar work, a worker has a right to be paid not less than the straight time hourly rate of pay or hourly equivalent of the lowest paid directly hired employee who is entitled to overtime.

### DAY AND TEMPORARY LABOR AGENCIES' RESPONSIBILITIES

#### REQUIRED NOTICE

Each Day and Temporary Labor Services Agency shall post this notice in an area easily accessible to all workers at each work location or branch office.

#### WAGE PAYMENT AND NOTICE TO THE WORKER

A Day and Temporary Labor Services Agency shall provide, on a paycheck stub, a detailed statement with the following:

- contact information about each client company where the laborer worked
- number of hours worked at each client company's worksite each day
- rate of pay for each hour worked
- total pay period earnings
- all deductions

The Day and Temporary Labor Services Agency shall also provide each worker an annual earnings summary within a reasonable time after the preceding calendar year. Temporary workers have the right to request that their Day and Temporary Labor Services Agency issue weekly, bi-weekly, or semimonthly checks.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Day and Temporary Labor Services Agencies are responsible for the conduct of drivers providing transportation for workers unless an exception applies in the Act.

#### REGISTRATION

Day and Temporary Labor Services Agencies must register with the Illinois Department of Labor. Registration information is available online at [labor.illinois.gov/idtlsa](http://labor.illinois.gov/idtlsa)

#### PLACEMENT FEES

Conversion or Placement fees cannot be charged by an agency after a laborer has performed work for 60 days at a thirdparty client.

### COMPLAINTS

To file a complaint or report a violation with the Department of Labor, visit [labor.illinois.gov](http://labor.illinois.gov) or call toll-free at **1-877-314-7052**

**Lincoln Tower Plaza**  
524 South 2nd Street,  
Suite 400  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
(217) 782-6206  
Fax: (217) 782-0596

**Jesse White State  
of Illinois Building**  
115 S LaSalle Street, 37th Fl.  
Chicago IL 60603  
(312) 793-2800  
Fax: (312) 793-5257

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# WITHHOLDING STATUS

## Since you last filed form W-4 with your employer did you...

- Marry or divorce?
- Gain or lose a dependent?
- Change your name?

## Were there major changes to...

- Your non-wage income (interest, dividends, capital gains, etc.)?
- Your family wage income (you or your spouse started or ended a job)?
- Your itemized deductions?
- Your tax credits?

## If you can answer "YES"...

To any of these questions or you owed extra tax when you filed your last return, you may need to file a new form W-4. See your employer for a copy of Form W-4 or call the IRS at 1-800-829-3676.

Now is the time to check your withholding. For more details, get Publication 919, *How Do I Adjust My Tax Withholding?*, or use the Withholding Calculator at: **[www.irs.gov/individuals](http://www.irs.gov/individuals)** on the IRS website.

Employer: Please post or publish this Bulletin Board Poster so that your employees will see it. Please indicate where they can get forms and information on this subject.



Department of the Treasury  
**Internal Revenue Service**

**[www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)**

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## ANTI-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

It is illegal to discriminate against work authorized individuals. Employers CANNOT specify which document(s) they will accept from an employee. The refusal to hire an individual because the documents have a future expiration date may also constitute illegal discrimination.

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For information, please contact  
The Office of Special Counsel for Immigration  
Related Unfair Employment Practices Office at  
800-255-7688.

# PAYDAY NOTICE

## Regular Paydays for Employees of

Aurora University

***Shall be as follows:***

***Weekly***

***Bi-Weekly***

***Monthly***

***Other: Information Available on SpartanNet***

By: Kristina Calderon

Title: Human Resources Coordinator

# RIGHT TO KNOW

## TOXIC?

### YOU HAVE THE RIGHT-TO-KNOW! ABOUT TOXIC SUBSTANCES IN YOUR WORK AREA

The Illinois Right-to-Know law requires your employer to provide you with the following:

**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS** MSDS describe the characteristics, safe handling, and hazards of toxic substances. MSDS should be readily available in the work area. You, your representative, or your physician may request copies of MSDS for toxic substances in your work area.

**LABELING** Toxic substances in your work area should be labeled with the chemical or product name and a hazard warning.

**TRAINING** Employees who are exposed to toxic substances should be trained at the start of employment or transfer, and annually thereafter. You should be taught the hazards of exposure to the substances, how to work safely with them, and how to read the MSDS and labels. The law protects your right to obtain the above information. You may not be disciplined or discharged for exercising your rights under this law. If your employer has not complied with Right-to-Know, or if you have a question, you may call: (217) 782-9386 (Downstate) or (312) 793-1964 (Chicago area).

State of Illinois Building  
160 N. LaSalle, Ste. C-1300  
Chicago, IL 60601  
Tel: (312) 793-7308  
Fax: (312) 793-2081

2309 West Main Street  
Marion, IL 62959  
Tel: (618) 993-7090  
Fax: (618) 993-7258

Department of Labor  
900 South Spring Street  
Springfield, IL 62704  
Tel: (217) 782-9386  
Fax: (217) 782-0596

# This Organization Participates in E-Verify

# Esta Organización Participa en E-Verify



This employer participates in E-Verify and will provide the federal government with your Form I-9 information to confirm that you are authorized to work in the U.S.

If E-Verify cannot confirm that you are authorized to work, this employer is required to give you written instructions and an opportunity to contact Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or Social Security Administration (SSA) so you can begin to resolve the issue before the employer can take any action against you, including terminating your employment.

Employers can only use E-Verify once you have accepted a job offer and completed the Form I-9.

## E-Verify Works for Everyone

For more information on E-Verify, or if you believe that your employer has violated its E-Verify responsibilities, please contact DHS.

Este empleador participa en E-Verify y proporcionará al gobierno federal la información de su Formulario I-9 para confirmar que usted está autorizado para trabajar en los EE.UU..

Si E-Verify no puede confirmar que usted está autorizado para trabajar, este empleador está requerido a darle instrucciones por escrito y una oportunidad de contactar al Departamento de Seguridad Nacional (DHS) o a la Administración del Seguro Social (SSA) para que pueda empezar a resolver el problema antes de que el empleador pueda tomar cualquier acción en su contra, incluyendo la terminación de su empleo.

Los empleadores sólo pueden utilizar E-Verify una vez que usted haya aceptado una oferta de trabajo y completado el Formulario I-9.

## E-Verify Funciona Para Todos

Para más información sobre E-Verify, o si usted cree que su empleador ha violado sus responsabilidades de E-Verify, por favor contacte a DHS.

**888-897-7781**

[dhs.gov/e-verify](https://dhs.gov/e-verify)



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# IF YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO WORK



## DON'T LET ANYONE TAKE IT AWAY

If you have the skills, experience, and legal right to work, your citizenship or immigration status shouldn't get in the way. Neither should the place you were born or another aspect of your national origin. A part of U.S. immigration laws protects legally-authorized workers from discrimination based on their citizenship status and national origin. You can read this law at [8 U.S.C. § 1324b.](#)

The [Immigrant and Employee Rights Section \(IER\)](#) may be able to help if an employer treats you unfairly in violation of this law.

The law that IER enforces is 8 U.S.C. § 1324b. The regulations for this law are at 28 C.F.R. Part 44.

Call IER if an employer:

Does not hire you or fires you because of your national origin or citizenship status (this may violate a part of the law at 8 U.S.C. § 1324b(a)(1))

Treats you unfairly while checking your right to work in the U.S., including while completing the [Form I-9](#) or using [E-Verify](#) (this may violate the law at 8 U.S.C. § 1324b(a)(1) or (a)(6))

Retaliates against you because you are speaking up for your right to work as protected by this law (the law prohibits retaliation at 8 U.S.C. § 1324b(a)(5))

The law can be complicated. Call IER to get more information on protections from discrimination based on citizenship status and national origin.

**Immigrant and Employee Rights Section (IER)**

**1-800-255-7688**

**TTY 1-800-237-2515**

[www.justice.gov/ier](http://www.justice.gov/ier)

[IER@usdoj.gov](mailto:IER@usdoj.gov)



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