



# DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT IS PROHIBITED



## TAKE ACTION FILE A COMPLAINT

If you believe you have been discriminated against in regard to employment, you may contact us about filing a complaint of discrimination using the information below.

*Note: complaints must be filed within 180 days of the alleged discrimination.*

### CONTACT US

#### MISSOURI COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Email: [mchr@labor.mo.gov](mailto:mchr@labor.mo.gov)

421 East Dunklin Street  
P.O. Box 1129  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-1129  
573-751-3325

Toll-free Discrimination Complaint Hotline: 877-781-4236

TDD/TTY: 800-735-2966

Relay Missouri: 711

The statutory purpose of the Missouri Commission on Human Rights is to prevent and eliminate discrimination based on protected categories under the Missouri Human Rights Act (Act) in employment, housing, and places of public accommodations through education and the enforcement of the Act.

*The Missouri Commission on Human Rights is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.*

The Missouri Human Rights Act makes it illegal to discriminate in any aspect of employment because of an individual's race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, disability, or age (40 through 69).

An employment agency includes any person or agency, public or private, regularly undertaking with or without compensation to procure employees for an employer or to procure for employees opportunities to work for an employer.

#### THE MISSOURI HUMAN RIGHTS ACT APPLIES TO:

- Private employers with six or more employees.
- All employment agencies.
- All apprenticeship or training programs.
- All state and local government agencies.
- All labor organizations.

#### DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES PROHIBITED BY THE MISSOURI HUMAN RIGHTS ACT INCLUDE:

- Hiring and firing; compensation, assignment, or classification of employees; transfer, promotion, layoff, or recall; job advertisements, recruitment, testing, use of company facilities, training, and apprenticeship programs; fringe benefits, pay, retirement plans, or disability leave; or other terms and conditions of employment.
- Harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, disability, or age.
- Retaliating against an individual for filing a complaint of discrimination, participating in a discrimination investigation or hearing, or opposing discriminatory practices.
- Discriminating in any aspect of employment against an individual because of the individual's association with a person in one of the protected categories.



# \$13.75 MISSOURI MINIMUM WAGE

## IN EFFECT FOR PRIVATE EMPLOYERS FOR 2025

Beginning January 1, 2025, the minimum wage rate for all private and non-exempt businesses will be based on the provisions set forth by Proposition A (2024) approved by voters on November 5, 2024. Missouri Minimum Wage law does not apply to public employers, nor does it allow the state's minimum wage rate to be lower than the federal minimum wage rate.



### TIPPED EMPLOYEES

Employers are required to pay tipped employees at least 50 percent of the minimum wage, \$6.875 per hour, plus any amount necessary to bring the employee's total compensation to a minimum of \$13.75 per hour.



### OVERTIME COMPENSATION

Overtime compensation must also be paid at a rate of at least one and one-half times a covered employee's regular rate for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek.



### EXCEPTIONS

All businesses are required to pay, at minimum, the \$13.75 per hour rate, except retail and service businesses whose annual gross sales are less than \$500,000. The law does not apply to certain exempt employees/employers defined in Section 290.500(3), RSMo, and employees/employers engaged in agriculture in Section 290.507, RSMo, nor does it supersede more favorable laws or interfere with collective bargaining agreement rights.



### EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

An employee not being paid the correct wages can file a minimum wage complaint at [labor.mo.gov/DLS/MinimumWage](http://labor.mo.gov/DLS/MinimumWage) and is entitled to pursue a private legal right of action to collect any wages due.

An employer who unlawfully pays sub-minimum wages will be liable for the full amount of wages due (plus twice the amount left unpaid as liquidated damages) less any amount actually paid. The employer is also liable for costs and reasonable attorney fees as may be allowed by the court or jury.

## LEARN MORE AT [LABOR.MO.GOV/DLS/MINIMUMWAGE](http://LABOR.MO.GOV/DLS/MINIMUMWAGE)



**DIVISION OF  
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573-751-3403  
Fax: 573-751-3721  
[laborstandards@labor.mo.gov](mailto:laborstandards@labor.mo.gov)

*If you have served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States and would like information about veteran's services and benefits, please complete the survey here: [mvc.dps.mo.gov/MoVeteransInformation/Survey/DOLIR](http://mvc.dps.mo.gov/MoVeteransInformation/Survey/DOLIR).*

*Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations is an equal opportunity employer/program. TDD/TTY: 800-735-2966 Relay Missouri: 711*

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# UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

## NOTICE TO WORKERS

Your employer is subject to the Missouri Employment Security Law and pays tax contributions to cover unemployment insurance (UI) benefits in case you become unemployed through no fault of your own.

***Nothing is deducted from your pay to cover its cost.***



## WHEN TO APPLY FOR UI BENEFITS

- If you are unemployed, laid off or working less than full time; or
- If you lose your job through no fault of your own or quit for a valid reason related to the work or the employer; and
- If you are able to work, available for work and actively seeking employment.



## HOW TO APPLY FOR UI BENEFITS

- To apply, visit [uinteract.labor.mo.gov](http://uinteract.labor.mo.gov) to create a new user account and file your initial claim; or
- If you do not have Internet access, call a Regional Claims Center during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jefferson City	..... 573-751-9040	Springfield	..... 417-895-6851
Kansas City	..... 816-889-3101	St. Louis	..... 314-340-4950
Outside Local Calling Area	.....		800-320-2519

If you believe someone is fraudulently collecting unemployment benefits, email [ReportUIFraud@labor.mo.gov](mailto:ReportUIFraud@labor.mo.gov) or call 573-751-4058, option 5.



## PROPER WORKER CLASSIFICATION

Missouri law defines who is considered an employee or an independent contractor. Businesses that improperly treat workers as independent contractors have an unfair competitive advantage. Improperly classified workers miss out on unemployment benefits, workers' compensation coverage and employer tax contributions.

If you think you may be improperly classified or suspect a business of improperly classifying workers, visit [labor.mo.gov/offthebooks](http://labor.mo.gov/offthebooks) or call 573-751-1099.

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**LEARN MORE AT [LABOR.MO.GOV/UNEMPLOYED-WORKERS](http://LABOR.MO.GOV/UNEMPLOYED-WORKERS)**

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P.O. Box 59  
Jefferson City, MO 65104-0059

Fax: 573-751-9730  
[labor.mo.gov/claimant-form](http://labor.mo.gov/claimant-form)

**IMPORTANT:** If needed, call 573-751-9040 for assistance in the translation and understanding of the information in this document.

**¡IMPORTANTE!** Si es necesario, llame el 573-751-9040 para asistencia en la traducción y entendimiento de la información en este documento.

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# DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation  
P.O. Box 58, Jefferson City, MO 65102  
573-751-4231

## Insurance Company, Third Party Administrator, Service Company, or Designated Individual If Self-Insured

Name Old Republic Insurance Company  
Address 445 S. Moorland Road, #300  
Brookfield, WI 53005  
Phone 877-797-3400

## Employee Information

The Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) administers programs for workers who have been injured on the job or exposed to an occupational disease arising out of and in the course of employment. The Division's Administrative Law Judges have the authority to approve settlements or issue awards after a hearing relating to an injured employee's entitlement to benefits.

## Steps to Take When Injured on the Job

1. Notify your employer immediately (written notice must be provided within 30 days of the accident/or 30 days after the diagnosis of any occupational disease or repetitive trauma) by contacting Tori Chenevert, 504-883-8729.  
*employer representative phone number*  
**\*Failure to do so may jeopardize your ability to receive benefits**
2. Ask your employer to provide medical treatment (your employer/insurer is responsible for providing medical treatment and paying the medical fees and charges unless you choose to treat with another doctor at your own expense without your employer/insurer's approval).
3. Get more information about the benefits available under the Workers' Compensation Program or about the steps you may take to get the benefits you need. Visit [www.labor.mo.gov/DWC](http://www.labor.mo.gov/DWC) or call 800-775-COMP.

## Benefits for Injured Employees

### Medical Care:

The employer or insurer is required to provide medical treatment and care that is reasonably required to cure and relieve the effects of the injury. This includes all costs for authorized medical treatment, prescriptions, and medical devices. There is no deductible, and all costs are paid by the employer or its workers' compensation insurance company. If you receive a bill, **contact your employer or the insurance company immediately**. The employer/insurer has the right to choose the healthcare provider or treating physician. You may select a different healthcare provider or treating physician, but if you do so, it may be at your own expense.

### Payment for Lost Wages:

- If a doctor says you are unable to work due to your injuries or recovery from a surgery, you may be entitled to **temporary total disability** (TTD) benefits. If a doctor says that you can perform light or modified duty work and your employer offers you such work, you may not be eligible for TTD benefits. TTD benefits should be continued until the doctor says you can return to work, or when your treatment is concluded because your condition has reached "maximum medical improvement," whichever occurs first.
- If you return to light or modified duty at less than full pay, you may be entitled to **temporary partial disability** benefits.

### Permanent Disability Benefits:

If the injury or illness results in a permanent disability, you may be entitled to receive either permanent partial or permanent total disability benefits.

### Survivor Benefits:

If a work-related injury causes an employee's death, the surviving dependents may receive weekly death benefits paid at 66 2/3% of the deceased employee's average weekly wage along with funeral expenses up to \$5,000 from the employer/insurer. For additional information relating to survivor's benefits, including college scholarship opportunities for surviving children, please visit [www.labor.mo.gov/DWC](http://www.labor.mo.gov/DWC).

### Additional Benefits for Occupational Diseases Due to Toxic Exposure - Permanent Total Disability and/or Death:

For information relating to additional benefits available, please refer to the Division's website at [www.labor.mo.gov/DWC/Injured\\_Workers/benefits\\_available](http://www.labor.mo.gov/DWC/Injured_Workers/benefits_available).



\*\*Make sure your data is turned on and scan the QR Code with your smartphone's camera to go to the Division of Workers Compensation's Website for more information. If you are not redirected, you may need to update your smartphone's operating system or download a QR Code reader app.

# Workers' Compensation Law

## *Roles and Responsibilities for Employers and Employees*

### EMPLOYER INFORMATION

With some exceptions, all employers with five or more employees, and construction industry employers with one or more employees, are required to insure their workers' compensation liability, either by purchasing a policy or obtaining self-insurance authority. Workers' compensation insurance provides benefits to workers injured on the job. Employers also are required to post this notice in the workplace for employees to view. This poster is required by section 287.127, RSMo, and is available to employers and insurers free of charge by contacting the Division at 800-775-Comp.

### Steps to Take When an Injury Occurs

1. Be sure first aid is administered and the employee is taken to a physician or hospital for further medical care, if necessary.
2. Report the injury to the insurance company or Third Party Administrator (TPA) within five days of the date of injury or within five days of the date on which the injury was reported to the employer by the employee, whichever is later. The insurer, TPA, or Division approved self-insurer is responsible for filing a First Report of Injury with the Division of Workers' Compensation **within 30 days** of knowledge of the injury.
3. Pay medical bills related to the work injury for treatment reasonably required to cure and relieve the employee of the effects of the injury. This includes all costs for authorized medical treatment, prescriptions, and medical devices. The employer has the right to choose the healthcare provider or treating physician. (The employee may select a different healthcare provider or treating physician, but if the employee does so, it may be at his/her own expense.)
4. For more liability and insurance information relating to the Workers' Compensation Program, visit [www.labor.mo.gov/DWC](http://www.labor.mo.gov/DWC) or call 800-775-COMP.

### Workers' Safety

Developing and implementing a comprehensive safety and health program can reduce occupational injuries and help lower workers' compensation costs. Insurance carriers in the state of Missouri must provide safety assistance at the request of the insured employer. The Missouri Department of Labor evaluates these services and provides additional assistance through its Missouri Workers' Safety Program.

Visit [www.labor.mo.gov/MWSP](http://www.labor.mo.gov/MWSP) or call 573-751-4231 for more information about these programs or for a registry of independent consultants who are certified in the state of Missouri to provide safety assistance.

### Fraud/Noncompliance

**Employee Fraud** – knowingly making a claim for workers' compensation benefits to which an employee knows he/she is not entitled or knowingly presenting multiple claims for the same occurrence with intent to defraud is a class E felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000, or double the value of the fraud, whichever is greater. A subsequent violation is a class D felony.

**Employer Fraud** – knowingly misrepresenting an employee's job classification or any other fact to obtain insurance at less than the proper rate is a class A misdemeanor. A subsequent violation is a class E felony. An employer who knowingly makes a false or fraudulent statement regarding an employee's entitlement to benefits to discourage the worker from making a legitimate claim or who knowingly makes a false or fraudulent material statement or material representation to deny benefits to a worker is guilty of a class A misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000. A subsequent violation is a class D felony.

**Insurer Fraud** – knowingly and intentionally refusing to comply with workers' compensation obligations to which an insurance company or self-insurer knows an employee is entitled is a class E felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 or double the value of the fraud, whichever is greater. A subsequent violation is a class D felony.

**Employer Noncompliance** – knowingly failing to insure workers' compensation liability under the law is a class A misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to three times the annual premium the employer would have paid had it been insured or up to \$50,000, whichever is greater. A subsequent violation is a class E felony. An employer who willfully fails to post the notice of workers' compensation at the workplace is guilty of a class A misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$50 to \$1,000 or by imprisonment or both fine and imprisonment.

# EARNED PAID SICK TIME

Beginning May 1, 2025, employees accrue and are entitled to earned paid sick time at the rate of 1 hour of earned paid sick time for every 30 hours of work and may use the time subject to the limits and terms under sections 290.600 through 290.642 of Missouri law. Employers with 15 or more employees shall provide up to 56 hours of earned paid sick time per year and employers with fewer than 15 employees shall provide up to 40 hours of earned paid sick time unless the employer selects a higher limit



## EXCEPTIONS

All businesses are required to pay Earned Paid Sick Time, except certain exempt employees/employers defined in Section 290.600(5), RSMo. The Missouri Earned Paid Sick Time Law does not apply to public employers nor does it apply to retail or service businesses whose annual gross sales are less than \$500,000. It also does not interfere with collective bargaining agreement rights that were in effect on November 5, 2024.



## EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

It is unlawful for an employer or any other person to interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of, or the attempt to exercise, any right protected under sections 290.600 through 290.642. An employer's absence control policy cannot count earned paid sick time taken under sections 290.600 through 290.642 as an absence that may lead to or result in discipline, discharge, demotion, suspension, or any other adverse action.



## RETALIATION PROHIBITED

It is prohibited for an employer to take retaliatory personnel action against employees who request or use earned paid sick time as allowed under sections 290.600 through 290.642. Each employee has the right to bring a civil action for the full amount of unpaid earned sick time plus any actual damages suffered as the result of the employer's violation of sections 290.600 through 290.642, an additional amount equal to twice any unpaid earned sick time as liquidated damages, attorney's fees, other equitable relief appropriate to remedy the violation and reinstatement to employment.

## LEARN MORE AT

[LABOR.MO.GOV/DLS/PROPOSITION-A-PAID-SICK-TIME-BENEFITS-FAQS](https://labor.mo.gov/dls/proposition-a-paid-sick-time-benefits-faqs)



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*If you have served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States and would like information about veteran's services and benefits, please complete the survey here: [mvc.dps.mo.gov/MoVeteransInformation/Survey/DOLIR](https://mvc.dps.mo.gov/MoVeteransInformation/Survey/DOLIR). Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations is an equal opportunity employer/program. TDD/TTY: 800-735-2966 Relay Missouri: 711*