

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION IN TEXAS

COVERAGE: [Name of employer] _____ does not have workers' compensation insurance coverage. As an employee of a non-covered employer, you are not eligible to receive workers' compensation benefits under the Texas Workers' Compensation Act. However, a non-covered (non-subscribing) employer can and may provide other benefits to injured employees. You should contact your employer regarding the availability of other benefits for a work-related injury or occupational disease. In addition, you may have rights under the common law of Texas should you have an on the job injury or occupational disease. Your employer is required to provide you with coverage information, in writing, when you are hired or whenever the employer becomes, or ceases to be, covered by workers' compensation insurance.

SAFETY VIOLATIONS HOTLINE: The Division has a 24 hour toll-free telephone number for reporting unsafe conditions in the workplace that may violate occupational health and safety laws. Employers are prohibited by law from suspending, terminating, or discriminating against any employee because he or she in good faith reports an alleged occupational health or safety violation. Contact the Division at 1-800-452-9595.

Non-Covered Employer

Texas Workers' Compensation Rule 110.101(e)(4) requires employers who are not covered by workers' compensation, either by election, cancelation or termination of coverage to advise their employees that they do not have workers' compensation insurance coverage.

Notices in English, Spanish and any other language common to the employer's employee population must be posted and:

1. Prominently displayed in the employer's personnel office, if any;
2. Located about the workplace in such a way that each employee is likely to see the notice on a regular basis;
3. Printed with a title in at least 26 point bold type, subject in at least 18 point bold type, and text in at least 16 point normal type; and
4. Contain the exact words as prescribed in Rule 110.101(e)(4).

The notice on the reverse side meets the above requirements. Failure to post or to provide notice as required in the rule is a violation of the Act and Division rules. The violator may be subject to administrative penalties.

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COVERAGE: [Name of employer] _____
has workers' compensation insurance coverage from [name of commercial insurance company] _____ in the event of work-related injury or occupational disease. This coverage is effective from [effective date of workers' compensation insurance policy] _____. Any injuries or occupational diseases which occur on or after that date will be handled by [name of commercial insurance company] _____. An employee or a person acting on the employee's behalf, must notify the employer of an injury or occupational disease not later than the 30th day after the date on which the injury occurs or the date the employee knew or should have known of an occupational disease, unless the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (Division) determines that good cause existed for failure to provide timely notice. Your employer is required to provide you with coverage information, in writing, when you are hired or whenever the employer becomes, or ceases to be, covered by workers' compensation insurance.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE: The Division provides free information about how to file a workers' compensation claim. Division staff will answer any questions you may have about workers' compensation and process any requests for dispute resolution of a claim. You can obtain this assistance by contacting your local Division field office or by calling 1-800-252-7031. The Office of Injured Employee Counsel (OIEC) also provides free assistance to injured employees and will explain your rights and responsibilities under the Workers' Compensation Act. You can obtain OIEC's assistance by contacting an OIEC customer service representative in your local Division field office or by calling 1-866-EZE-OIEC (1-866-393-6432).

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COVERED EMPLOYER

Texas Workers' Compensation Rule 110.101(e)(1) requires employers who are covered by workers' compensation through a commercial insurance company to advise their employees that they do have workers' compensation insurance coverage and to advise their employees of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation's toll free number to obtain additional information about their workers' compensation rights.

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