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Cal/OSHA Warns Condom Use Required in Adult Films Standards Board Vote Does Not Change Current Requirements

Oakland—Following Thursday’s meeting of the California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board where it did not adopt a [proposed standard](#) pertaining to the adult film industry, Cal/OSHA warns that barrier protection including condoms is still [required](#) to protect adult film workers from exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials. The existing standard has been in effect since 1993 and is enforced by Cal/OSHA.

“Condoms are required to protect adult film workers from exposure to HIV and other sexually transmitted infections,” said Cal/OSHA Chief Juliann Sum. “Cal/OSHA will continue to enforce the existing regulations and investigate complaints in the adult film industry.”

Workers in the adult film industry should know current laws protect them from injury and illness on the job, and where to go for help if their employer doesn't follow those laws. More information on how to file a complaint with Cal/OSHA can be found on the [Cal/OSHA website](#) or by calling (714) 558-4300. Employers in the adult film industry must also know how to protect their employees from health and safety hazards and understand the consequences of failing to comply with state regulations.

Cal/OSHA helps protect workers from health and safety hazards on the job in almost every workplace in California. [Cal/OSHA's Consultation Services Branch](#) provides free and voluntary assistance to employers and employee organizations to improve their health and safety programs. Employers should call (800) 963-9424 for assistance from Cal/OSHA Consultation Services.

Employees with work-related questions or complaints may contact DIR’s Call Center in English or Spanish at 844-LABOR-DIR (844-522-6734). The California Workers’ Information line at 866-924-9757 provides recorded information in English and Spanish on a variety of work-related topics. Complaints can also be filed confidentially with [Cal/OSHA district offices](#).

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