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Department of Industrial Relations partners with agencies across the state to reach Spanish-speaking workers during labor rights week

Seminars focus on workers' compensation benefits, heat illness prevention and wage and hour laws

The California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC), in association with the Mexican Foreign Ministry and the United States Department of Labor, are reaching out to workers across the state during "Labor Rights Week 2010."

The nationwide initiative revolves around Labor Day and is the result of an on-going collaboration between local Mexican Consulate offices, federal and state labor and workforce departments, labor rights advocates and others. Consulate offices in seven California cities—Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose, Fresno, Los Angeles, San Bernardino and San Diego—will host informative presentations Aug. 30 through Sept. 6, 2010.

"We share in the belief that every worker in California should know they are protected by state laws governing the right to be paid correctly, be safe at work and receive benefits if they are hurt on the job," said DWC acting Administrative Director Carrie Nevans. "We're joining forces to educate and inform workers about their rights and about who to contact if those rights are violated."

During the seminars constituents will receive general information in Spanish on medical treatment, disability payments, returning to work after an injury and resolving a disagreement over a workers' comp claim. Additionally, they will be provided with information about wage requirements and the state's heat illness prevention program. The events will take place:

Monday, Aug. 30

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Sacramento Mexican Consulate

1010-8th Street

Sacramento, CA

Tuesday, Aug. 31

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

San Francisco Mexican Consulate

532 Folsom Street

San Francisco, CA

Tuesday, Aug. 31
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Bayside Community Center
2202 Comstock Street
San Diego, CA

Wednesday, Sept. 1
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
San Bernardino Mexican Consulate
293 N. “D” Street
San Bernardino, CA

Wednesday, Sept. 1 and Thursday, Sept. 2
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Fresno Mexican Consulate
2409 Merced Street
Fresno, CA

Thursday, Sept. 2
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
San Jose Mexican Consulate
115 N. 4th Street
San Jose, CA

Friday, Sept. 3
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Los Angeles Mexican Consulate
2401 W. 6th
Los Angeles, CA

This partnership furthers the DWC’s ongoing program to ensure the state’s employees have information they need to navigate the workers’ compensation system should they get hurt or sick because of work. Workers can find a listing of scheduled seminar days, times and locations in English and Spanish on DWC's Web site at www.dwc.ca.gov in the left navigation pane, click on “know my rights” under the “I want to” section. Spanish-speaking workers can scroll down the main navigation pane to the “[En español](#)” link above the “What’s new” section.

Injured workers can also call 1-800-736-7401 to find a seminar near them and hear other recorded information. To go directly to seminar locations in Spanish, workers should press 2 after dialing the 800 number. English-speaking workers should call 1-800-736-7401 and press 7 twice, then 1 again for seminar details.

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