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State Division of Workers' Compensation to hold free Spanish-language seminar on workers' compensation benefits and laws in San Jose

Seminar the third in a new program for Bay Area employees

Oakland - The California Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) will conduct its first free Spanish-language seminar on workers' compensation benefits and laws in San Jose on Thursday, Sep. 14 from 6-7 p.m. This seminar is the third in a new program for Bay Area workers, which rotates on a monthly basis between San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose.

"We're deepening our outreach to Spanish-speaking workers around the state," said DWC Acting Administrative Director Carrie Nevans. "Through this new program we are able to reach people who may not be aware of their rights."

The seminar is set up for employees that have recently filed a workers' compensation claim with their employer, but any worker can benefit from attending and anyone can attend. The San Jose workshop will be held:

Thursday, Sep. 14, 2006
6-7 p.m.
San Jose Public Library
Dr. Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Branch
3090 Alum Rock Avenue
San Jose, CA

The Bay Area seminars take place on the second Thursday of each month and rotate between three cities, moving to San Francisco in October, Oakland in November, back to San Jose in December and so forth. At the seminars, held at easily accessible community locations, employees get information on their right to medical treatment, disability payments, returning to work after an injury and resolving a disagreement over a claim.

The DWC conducts English-language seminars for injured workers on a monthly basis at each of its 24 local offices. A listing of workshop days, times and locations in English and Spanish can be found on DWC's Web site at www.dir.ca.gov/dwc. Click on the link that says, "Injured on the job? Need to know your rights?" Injured workers can also call 1-800-736-7401 to find the workshop near them and hear other recorded information. To go directly to workshop locations

in English, callers should press 7, then 7 again, then 1 after dialing the 800 number. Spanish-speaking workers may call 1-800-736-7401 and press 2 for details.

The division also makes workshop posters in English and Spanish available for free to community based organizations, employers, medical providers and others who'd like to post them. Call 510.286.7076 for more information.

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