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Employment Security Act CO01	All employers	05/19
Minimum Wage CO02	All employers	01/22
Notice to Employer of Injury CO03	All employers Special size requirement: 11 x 14 inches in dimension with each letter at least 1/2 an inch high; designed in an 11 x 17 inch layout	05/99
Workers' Compensation CO04	All employers	05/19
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Employment Anti-Discrimination CO06	All employers	08/20
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Housing Anti-Discrimination CO08	Places where real estate transfers, rentals, and loans are executed	08/20
Colorado HFWA/PHEW CO09	All employers	01/22
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NOTICE OF PAYDAYS

In accordance with 8-4-107, C.R.S.:

Every employer shall post and keep posted conspicuously at the place of work if practicable, or otherwise where it can be seen as employees come or go to their places of work, or at the office or nearest agency for payment kept by the employer a notice specifying the regular paydays and the time and place of payment, in accordance with the provisions of section 8-4-103, and also any changes concerning them that may occur from time to time.

Pay periods can be no greater duration than a calendar month or 30 days, whichever is longer. Paydays must occur no later than 10 days following the close of each pay period. 8-4-103, C.R.S.

EMPLOYEES ARE PAID ON REGULAR PAYDAYS AS FOLLOWS:



YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE:

- Properly classified as an employee or an independent contractor
- Paid accurately and timely for the services you perform

There are resources available to you if you believe you are being subject to improper classification or inaccurate payment practices by your employer. For more information, go to WorkRight.cdle.co.

Employers are required to follow the law when paying hourly wages, overtime, and properly covering you for unemployment insurance and workers' compensation purposes. As a worker, you have certain rights as an *employee vs. independent contractor*.

Improper classification (often called misclassification) of employees as independent contractors and other labor law violations create many problems, both for law-abiding businesses and for workers in Colorado.

If you believe you have been **improperly classified** as an independent contractor and are really performing duties that fit the criteria of an employee, visit **colorado.gov/cdle/TipForm**, or call us at 303-318-9100 and select Option 4. To be classified as an employee, you must meet the criteria in Colorado Revised Statute 8-70-115. You can read the law online and find out more at **coloradoui.gov/ProperClassification**.

As an *employee*, you are entitled to unemployment insurance benefits if you become unemployed through no fault of your own. Your employer contributes to unemployment insurance and cannot deduct this from your wages.

If you become unemployed and wish to file for unemployment insurance benefits, go to **coloradoui.gov** and click on File a Claim. If your hours of work and pay are reduced, you may be entitled to partial unemployment benefits.

If you cannot access a computer, call one of the following numbers: 303-318-9000 (Denver-metro area) or 1-800-388-5515 (outside Denver-metro area); hearing impaired 303-318-9016 (TDD Denver-metro area) or 1-800-894-7730 (TDD outside Denver-metro area).

EMPLOYERS ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO POST THIS NOTICE

Colorado Employment Security Act, 8-74-101(2); Regulations Concerning Employment Security 7.3.1 through 7.3.5 Employers can download copies of this poster at coloradoui.gov/employer, then click on Forms / Publications.







COLORADO OVERTIME & MINIMUM PAY STANDARDS ORDER ("COMPS Order") #38, POSTER & NOTICE

Effective 1/1/22: must update annually; new poster available each mid-December

Colorado Minimum Wage: \$12.56/hour, or \$9.54 for Tipped Employees, in 2022 (Rule 3)

- The minimum wage is adjusted each year for inflation, so the above amounts are for only 2022
- All employees must be paid at least the minimum wage (unless exempt in Rule 2), whether paid hourly or another way (salary, commission, piecework, etc.), except unemancipated minors can be paid 15% under full minimum wage
- Use the highest standard if other labor laws also apply, such as Denver's minimum wage (\$15.87 in 2022)

Overtime: 1½ times regular pay rates for hours over 40 weekly, 12 daily, or 12 consecutive (Rule 4)

- Overtime is required each week over 40 hours, or day over 12, even if 2 or more weeks or days average fewer hours
- Employers cannot provide time off ("comp time") instead of time-and-a-half premium pay for overtime hours
- Key variances/exemptions (all are detailed in Rules 2.3-2.4):
- Modified overtime in a small number of health care jobs; exemption for certain heavy vehicle drivers
- No 40-hour weekly overtime in downhill ski/snowboard jobs (but 56-hour overtime for many under federal law)
- Agriculture, as of 11/1/22: overtime after 60 hours; half-hour paid break in days over 12 hours, extra pay if over 15

Meal Periods: 30 minutes uninterrupted and duty-free, for shifts over 5 hours (Rule 1.9)

- Can be unpaid, but only if employees are completely relieved of all duties, and allowed to pursue personal activities
- If work makes uninterrupted meal periods impractical, eating on-duty must be permitted, and the time must be paid
- To the extent practical, meal periods must be at least 1 hour after starting and 1 hour before ending shifts

Rest Periods: 10 minutes, paid, every 4 hours (Rule 5.2)

#Work Hours:	Up to 2	>2, up to 6	>6, up to 10	>10, up to 14	>14, up to 18	>18, up to 22	>22
#Rest Periods:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6

- Need not be off-site, but must not include work, and should be in the middle of the 4 hours to the extent practical
- Rest periods are time worked for minimum wage and overtime purposes, and if employers do not authorize and permit rest periods, they must pay extra for time that would have been rest periods, including for non-hourly-paid employees
- Key variances/exemptions:
- In some circumstances, 10-minute rest periods can be divided into two of 5 minutes (Rule 5.2.1)
- Agriculture: certain work requires more breaks; other is exempt (Rule 2.3, & Agricultural Labor Conditions Rules)

Time Worked: Pay for time employers allow performing labor/service for their benefit (Rule 1.9)

- All time on-premises, on duty, or at workplaces (but not just letting off-duty employees be on-premises), including:
- putting on/removing work clothes/gear (but not clothes worn outside work), cleanup/setup, or other off-clock duty,
- waiting for assignments at work, or receiving or sharing work-related information,
- security/safety screening, or clocking/checking in or out, or
- waiting for any of the above tasks.
- Travel for employer benefit is time worked; normal home/work travel is not (details in Rule 1.9.2)
- Sleep time, if sufficiently uninterrupted and lengthy, can be excluded in certain situations (details in Rule 1.9.3).

Deductions, Credits, Charges, & Withheld Pay (Rule 6, and Article 4 of C.R.S. Title 8)

- Final pay: Owed promptly (if a termination by employer) or at next pay date (if employee resigned)
- Vacation pay: Departing employees must be paid all accrued and unused vacation pay, including paid time off usable for vacation, without deducting or declaring forfeiture based on cause for termination, lack of resignation notice, etc.
- Deductions from pay: Allowed if listed below or in C.R.S. 8-4-105 (including deductions required by law, in a written agreement for the benefit of the employee, for theft in a police report, or for property loss after an audit)
- Tip credits: Employers can pay up to \$3.02 under minimum wage (\$9.54 in 2022, or \$12.85 in Denver), if:

 (a) tips (not mandatory service charges) raise pay to full minimum, & (b) tips aren't diverted to non-tipped staff/owners
- Meal credits/deductions: Allowed for the cost or value (without employer profit) of voluntarily accepted meals
- Lodging credits/deductions: Allowed if housing is voluntarily accepted by the employee, primarily for the employee's (not the employer's) benefit, recorded in writing, and limited to \$25 or \$100 per week (based on housing type)
- Uniforms: Must be provided at no cost unless they are ordinary clothes without special material or design; employers must pay for any special cleaning required, and cannot require deposits or deduct for ordinary wear and tear

Exemptions from COMPS (Rule 2.2 lists all; key exemptions are below)

- Executives/supervisors, administrators, and professionals paid at least a salary (not hourly wages) of \$45,000 in 2022 (\$50,000 in 2023, \$55,000 in 2024, then inflation-adjusted), except \$28.92/hour for highly technical computer work
- Other highly compensated, non-manual-labor employees paid at least 2.25 the above salary (\$101,250 in 2022)
- 20% owners, or at a nonprofit the highest-paid/highest-ranked employee, if actively engaged in management
- Various (not all) types of salespersons, taxi drivers, camp/outdoor education field staff, or property managers

Record-Keeping & Notices of Rights (Rule 7)

- Employers must give all employees (and keep for three years) pay statements that include time worked, pay rate (including any tips and credits), and total pay
- This year's poster must be displayed where easily accessible, or if not practical (such as for remote workers), provided within one month of beginning work and when employees request a copy
- Employers must include a copy of this poster, or a COMPS Order, in any employment handbook or manual
- Violation of notice of rights rules (posting or distribution), including by providing information undercutting this poster, may yield fines and/or ineligibility for employee-specific credits, deductions, or exemptions in COMPS

Complaint & Anti-Retaliation Rights (Rule 8)

- Employees can send the Division (contact info below) complaints or tips about violations, or file lawsuits in court
- Employers cannot retaliate against, or interfere with, employees exercising their rights
- Anonymous tips are accepted; anonymity or confidentiality are protected if requested (Wage Protection Rule 4.7)
- Owners and other individuals with control over work may be liable for certain violations not just the business, even if the business is a corporation, partnership, or other entity separate from its owner(s) (Rule 1.6)
- Immigration status is irrelevant to these labor rights: the Division will not ask or report status in investigations or rulings, and it is illegal for anyone to use immigration status to interfere with these rights (Wage Protection Rule 4.8)

This Poster is a summary and cannot be relied on as complete labor law information. For all rules, fact sheets, translations, questions, or complaints, contact: <u>DIVISION OF LABOR STANDARDS & STATISTICS</u>, ColoradoLaborLaw.gov, cdle_labor_standards@state.co.us, 303-318-8441 / 888-390-7936

WARNING

IF YOU ARE INJURED ON THE JOB, WRITTEN NOTICE OF YOUR INJURY MUST BE GIVEN TO YOUR EMPLOYER WITHIN FOUR WORKING DAYS AFTER THE ACCIDENT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-43-102(1) AND (1.5), COLORADO REVISED STATUTES.

IF THE INJURY RESULTS
FROM YOUR USE OF
ALCOHOL OR CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCES, YOUR
WORKERS' COMPENSATION
DISABILITY BENEFITS MAY BE
REDUCED BY ONE-HALF IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
8-42-112.5, COLORADO
REVISED STATUTES.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Colorado Workers' Compensation Information

Kate Triplett, kate@flipboard.com with any workers compensation questions or claims.

Workers' compensation is a type of insurance coverage that employers must provide to their employees. The cost of workers' compensation insurance is paid entirely by the employer and may not be deducted from an employee's wages.

If you are injured or sustain an occupational disease while at work, you may be entitled to compensation benefits as provided by law. WRITTEN NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN TO YOUR EMPLOYER WITHIN 4 WORKING DAYS OF THE ACCIDENT. If you don't report your injury or occupational disease promptly your benefits may be reduced.

If you are unable to work as the result of a work-related injury or occupational disease, compensation (wage replacement) benefits will be based on 2/3 of your average weekly wage up to a maximum set by law. No compensation is payable for the first 3 days' disability unless the period of disability exceeds two weeks.

You are entitled to reasonable and necessary medical treatment of compensable injuries or occupational diseases. If you notify your employer of an injury or occupational disease and are not offered medical care, you may select the services of a licensed physician or chiropractor.

You may file a Worker's Claim for Compensation with the Division of Workers' Compensation. To obtain forms or information regarding the workers' compensation system, you may call Customer Service at 303-318-8700 or toll-free at 1-888-390-7936 or visit our website at www.colorado.gov/cdle/dwc.

COLORADO DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION 633 17th Street, Suite 400, Denver, CO 80202-3626

Any information provided below comes from your employer and is specific to this place of employment:





NOTICE FOR EMPLOYERS TO USE IN ORDER TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH HB 16-1438 (PREGNANCY ACCOMMODATIONS):

PREGNANT WORKERS FAIRNESS ACT

C.R.S. § 24-34-402.3

The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act makes it a discriminatory or unfair employment practice if an employer fails to provide reasonable accommodations to an applicant or employee who is pregnant, physically recovering from childbirth, or a related condition.

Requirements:

Under the Act, if an applicant or employee who is pregnant or has a condition related to pregnancy or childbirth requests an accommodation, an employer must engage in the interactive process with the applicant or employee and provide a reasonable accommodation to perform the essential functions of the applicant or employee's job unless the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the employer's business.

The Act identifies reasonable accommodations as including, but not limited to:

- provision of more frequent or longer break periods;
- more frequent restroom, food, and water breaks;
- acquisition or modification of equipment or seating;
- limitations on lifting;
- temporary transfer to a less strenuous or hazardous position if available, with return to the current position after pregnancy;
- job restructuring;
- light duty, if available;
- assistance with manual labor; or modified work schedule.

The Act prohibits requiring an applicant or employee to accept an accommodation that the applicant or employee has not requested or an accommodation that is unnecessary for the applicant or the employee to perform the essential functions of the job.



Colorado Law Prohibits Discrimination in: EMPLOYMENT

C.R.S. § 24-34-401 et seq.

IT SHALL BE A DISCRIMINATORY OR UNFAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE:

to REFUSE TO HIRE, to DISCHARGE, to PROMOTE or DEMOTE, to HARASS during the course of employment, or to discriminate IN MATTERS of COMPENSATION, TERMS, CONDITIONS, or PRIVILEGES of employment.

BECAUSE OF:

DISABILITY, RACE, CREED, COLOR, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION (including TRANSGENDER STATUS), RELIGION, AGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN or ANCESTRY, or, in certain circumstances, MARRIAGE TO A COWORKER.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES:

An employee with a disability is entitled to a reasonable accommodation(s) which is necessary to perform the essential functions of the job. An accommodation is not reasonable if its provision would result in an undue hardship on the employer's business.

PREGNANT WORKERS FAIRNESS ACT — C.R.S. § 24-34-402.3

An employee with a health condition(s) related to pregnancy or physical recovery from childbirth is entitled to a reasonable accommodation(s) necessary to perform the essential functions of the job. An accommodation is not reasonable if its provision would result in an undue hardship on the employer's business.

RETALIATION PROHIBITED — C.R.S. § 24-34-402(e)

It is a discriminatory act to retaliate against a person who opposes a discriminatory practice or who participates in a discrimination investigation, proceeding or hearing.

SHARING WAGE INFORMATION PROTECTED — C.R.S. § 24-34-402(i)

An employer shall not discharge, discipline, discriminate against, coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with an employee or person due to an inquiry, disclosure or discussion of wages. An employer shall not require an employee to waive the right to disclose wage information.

CROWN Act of 2020:

Discrimination on the basis of one's race includes hair texture, hair type, or a protective hairstyle commonly or historically associated with race, such as braids, locs, twists, tight coils or curls, cornrows, Bantu knots, Afros, and headwraps. eff. 9/13/20.

TO FILE A COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
THE COLORADO CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION; 1560 BROADWAY, LOBBY WELCOME CENTER,
SUITE # 110, DENVER, CO 80202

MAIN PHONE: 303-894-2997; HOTLINE ESPANOL: 720-432-4294; TOLL-FREE: 800-262-4845; V/TTD RELAY: 711; FAX: 303-894-7830; EMAIL: DORA_CCRD@STATE.CO.US

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS MUST BE FILED WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS AFTER THE ALLEGED DISCRIMINATORY ACT OCCURRED.





Colorado Law Prohibits Discrimination in places of: PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION

C.R.S. § 24-34-601 et seq.

PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION MEANS:

ANY PLACE OF BUSINESS engaged in any SALES to the PUBLIC and ANY PLACE OFFERING SERVICES, FACILITIES, PRIVILEGES, ADVANTAGES, or ACCOMMODATIONS to the PUBLIC.

IT IS A DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE AND UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO:

REFUSE, WITHHOLD FROM, or DENY to an individual or a group FULL and EQUAL ENJOYMENT of the GOODS, SERVICES, FACILITIES, PRIVILEGES, ADVANTAGES, or ACCOMMODATIONS of a place of public accommodation

BECAUSE OF: DISABILITY, RACE, CREED, COLOR, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION (including TRANSGENDER STATUS), MARITAL STATUS, NATIONAL ORIGIN or ANCESTRY.

SERVICE ANIMALS C.R.S. § 24-34-803:

SERVICE ANIMAL DESIGNATION IS LIMITED TO A DOG OR MINIATURE HORSE — EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS ARE NOT SERVICE ANIMALS

THE DOG MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY TRAINED TO PERFORM TASK(S) OR WORK RELATED TO A DISABILITY.

THE MERE PRESENCE OF THE DOG MEANT TO PROVIDE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT/THERAPY/ AND/OR COMPANIONSHIP

IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE DEFINITION OF A SERVICE ANIMAL.

AN ENTITY MAY NOT REQUIRE OR REQUEST A LICENSE, REGISTRATION, OR OTHER DESIGNATION CONFIRMING STATUS AS A SERVICE ANIMAL. AN ENTITY MAY MAKE THE FOLLOWING INQUIRIES:

1.) IS THIS DOG A SERVICE ANIMAL TRAINED TO PERFORM A TASK(S) OR WORK RELATED TO A DISABILITY?2.) WHAT IS THE TASK OR WORK THE DOG IS TRAINED TO PERFORM?

A SERVICE ANIMAL MUST BE <u>UNDER THE CONTROL</u> OF ITS HANDLER AT ALL TIMES. THE HANDLER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARE OF THE SERVICE ANIMAL, INCLUDING <u>TOILETING</u>, FEEDING, AND OTHERWISE CARING FOR THE DOG.

A SERVICE ANIMAL MAY BE DENIED ENTRY IF ITS PRESENCE WOULD RESULT IN A FUNDAMENTAL ALTERATION OF THE NATURE OF THE ENTITIES' OPERATIONS AND/OR MAINTENANCE OF A STERILE ENVIRONMENT. THE MERE PRESENCE OF A SERVICE ANIMAL IS NOT GROUNDS FOR A VIOLATION OF THE HEALTH CODE. SERVICE ANIMALS MUST BE ALLOWED IN DINING AREAS AND IN SELF SERVICE FOOD LINES. AN ENTITY MAY NOT CHARGE FEES FOR ALLOWING A SERVICE ANIMAL TO BE PRESENT.

RETALIATION PROHIBITED:

A PERSON WHO OPPOSES DISCRIMINATION, OR WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE INVESTIGATION OF DISCRIMINATION HAS ENGAGED IN PROTECTED ACTIVITY AND RETALIATION FOR ENGAGING IN A PROTECTED ACTIVITY IS PROHIBITED BY COLORADO LAW.

COLO. CIVIL RIGHTS COMM'N RULE 20.4 — DISCRIMINATORY SIGNAGE IN PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION:

No person shall post or permit to be posted in any place of public accommodation any sign which states or implies the following: "WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE SERVICE TO ANYONE" — 3CCR708-1

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PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS MUST BE FILED WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE ALLEGED DISCRIMINATORY ACT OCCURRED.



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Colorado Law Prohibits Discrimination in: HOUSING

C.R.S. § 24-34-501 et sea.

IT SHALL BE A DISCRIMINATORY OR UNFAIR HOUSING PRACTICE:

For any person to REFUSE TO SHOW, SELL, TRANSFER, RENT, or LEASE, or REFUSE to RECEIVE and TRANSMIT any bona fide offer to buy, sell, rent, or lease, or OTHERWISE MAKE UNAVAILABLE or DENY or WITHHOLD FROM any person housing; or to discriminate in the TERMS, CONDITIONS, or PRIVILEGES pertaining to any housing.

BECAUSE OF:

DISABILITY, RACE, CREED, COLOR, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION (including TRANSGENDER STATUS), RELIGION, MARITAL STATUS, FAMILIAL STATUS, NATIONAL ORIGIN or ANCESTRY, or SOURCE OF INCOME*

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES:

A person with a disability is entitled to a reasonable accommodation(s) and/or modification which is necessary to allow the person full and equal enjoyment of housing. An accommodation is not reasonable if its provision would result in an undue financial and administrative burden or a fundamental alteration of the housing provider's operation.

ASSISTANCE ANIMALS:

Assistance animals include service animals and emotional support animals and are one form of a reasonable accommodation in housing. A person with a disability may request, as a reasonable accommodation, an exception to a no pet policy, or a policy that would otherwise prohibit their assistance animal from residing in their home.

Service animals are designated as a dog or miniature horse that are individually trained to perform task(s) or work related to a disability. Examples include a guide dog or medical alert dog.

Emotional support animals may be any type of animal that provides a therapeutic effect to alleviate a mental impairment.

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CCRD IS A FAIR HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FHAP)AND PARTNERS WITH HUD IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF FAIR HOUSING LAWS.

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HOUSING DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS MUST BE FILED WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR AFTER THE ALLEGED DISCRIMINATORY ACT OCCURRED.

*eff. 1/1/21





Colorado Workplace Public Health Rights Poster: PAID LEAVE, WHISTLEBLOWING, & PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Effective 1/1/22: may be updated annually; up-to-date poster available each mid-December

THE HEALTHY FAMILIES & WORKPLACES ACT ("HFWA"): Paid Leave Rights

Coverage: All Colorado employers, of any size, must provide paid leave

- Employees earn 1 hour of paid leave per 30 hours worked ("accrued leave"), up to 48 hours a year.
- Up to 80 hours of supplemental leave applies in a public health emergency (PHE), until 4 weeks after the PHE ends.*
- Regular hours and pay set the rate of accrual and compensation for leave, during which benefits continue.
- Up to 48 hours of unused accrued leave carries over for use the next year.
- For details on specific situations (irregular hours, non-hourly pay, etc.), see Wage Protection Rule 3.5, 7 CCR 1103-7.

Employees can use accrued leave for the following safety or health needs:

- (1) a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition that prevents work, including diagnosis or preventive care;
- (2) domestic abuse, sexual assault, or criminal harassment leading to health, relocation, legal, or other services needs;
- (3) has a family member experiencing a condition described in category (1) or (2); or
- (4) in a PHE, a public official closed the workplace, or the school or place of care of the employee's child.

<u>In a public health emergency (PHE), employees can use supplemental PHE leave for the following needs*:</u>

- (1) self-isolating or work exclusion due to exposure, symptoms, or diagnosis of the communicable illness in the PHE;
- (2) seeking a diagnosis, treatment, or care (including preventive care) of such an illness;
- (3) being unable to work due to a health condition that may increase susceptibility to or risk of such an illness; or
- (4) caring for a child or other family in category (1)-(3), or whose school or child care is unavailable due to the PHE.

During a PHE, employees still earn up to 48 hours of accrued leave and may use supplemental leave before accrued leave.

Employer Policies (Notice; Documentation; Incremental Use; Privacy; and Paid Leave Records)

- Written notice and posters. Employers must (1) provide notice to new employees no later than other onboarding documents/policies; and (2) display updated posters, and provide updated notices to current employees, by end of year.
- Notice for "foreseeable" leave. Employers may adopt "reasonable procedures" in writing as to how employees should provide notice if they require "foreseeable" leave, but cannot deny paid leave for noncompliance with such a policy.
- An employer can require documentation to show that leave was for a qualifying reason only if leave was taken for four or more consecutive work days (i.e. days on which an employee would have worked, not calendar days).
- Documentation is not required to take paid leave, but can be required as soon as an employee can provide it after returning to work or separating from work (whichever is sooner). No documentation can be required for PHE leave.
- To document leave for an employee's (or an employee's family member's) health-related need, an employee may provide: (1) a document from a health or social services provider *if* services were received and document can be obtained in reasonable time and without added expense; *otherwise* (2) the employee's own writing.
- To document that an employee (or an employee's family member) required leave for a need related to domestic abuse, sexual assault, or criminal harassment, an employee may provide: a document or writing under (1) above (e.g. from a provider of legal or shelter services) or (2) above, or a legal document (e.g., a restraining order or police report).
- If an employer reasonably deems an employee's documentation deficient, the employer must: (A) notify the employee within seven days of either receiving the documentation or the employee's return to work or separation (whichever is sooner), and (B) give the employee at least seven days to cure the deficiency.

- Incremental use. Depending on employer policy, employees can use leave in either hourly or six-minute increments.
- Employee Privacy. Employers cannot require employees to disclose "details" about an employee's (or their family's) HFWA-related health or safety information; such information must be treated as a confidential medical record.
- Records must be provided upon request. Employers must provide documentation of the current amount of paid leave employees have (1) available for use, and (2) already used during the current benefit year, including any supplemental PHE leave. Information may be requested once per month or when the need for HFWA leave arises.

Retaliation or Interference with HFWA Rights

- Paid leave cannot be counted as an "absence" that may result in firing or another kind of adverse action.
- An employee can't be required to find a "replacement worker" or job coverage when taking paid leave.
- An employer cannot fire, threaten, or otherwise retaliate against, or interfere with use of leave by, an employee who: (1) requests or takes HFWA leave; (2) informs or assists another person in exercising HFWA rights; (3) files a HFWA complaint; or (4) cooperates/assists in investigation of a HFWA violation.
- If an employee's reasonable, good-faith HFWA complaint, request, or other activity is *incorrect*, an employer need not agree or grant it, but cannot *act against* the employee for it. Employees *can* face consequences for misusing leave.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY WHISTLEBLOWER LAW ("PHEW"): Worker Rights to Express Workplace Health Concerns & Use Protective Equipment

Coverage: All Employers and Employees, Plus Certain Independent Contractors

• PHEW covers not just "employers" and "employees," but all "principals" (an employer or a business with at least 5 independent contractors) and "workers" (employees or independent contractors at a "principal").

Worker Rights to Oppose Workplace Health/Safety Violations During Public Health Emergencies*:

- It is unlawful to retaliate against, or interfere with, the following acts during, and related to, a public health emergency:
- (1) **raising reasonable concerns**, including informally, to the principal, other workers, the government, or the public, about workplace violations of government health or safety rules, or a significant workplace health or safety threat;
- (2) **opposing** *or* **testifying, assisting, or participating** in an investigation or proceeding about retaliation for, or interference with, the above-listed conduct.
- A principal need not address a worker's PHEW-related concern, but it still cannot fire or take other *action against* the worker for that reason, as long as the concern was reasonable and in good-faith.

Workers' Rights to Use Their Own Personal Protective Equipment ("PPE"):

• A worker must be allowed to **voluntarily wear their own PPE** (mask, faceguard, gloves, etc.) if the PPE (1) provides **more protection** than equipment provided at the workplace, (2) is **recommended** by a government health agency (federal, state, or local), and (3) does not make the worker **unable to do the job**.

COMPLAINT RIGHTS (under both HFWA & PHEW)

• Report violations to the Division as complaints or anonymous tips, or file in court after exhausting pre-lawsuit remedies.

This Poster summarizes two Colorado workplace public health laws, SB 20-205 (paid leave) & HB 20-1415 (whistleblowing & personal protective equipment). It does not cover other health or safety laws, rules, and orders, including under the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), or from local public health agencies. Contact those agencies for such health and safety information.

This poster must be displayed where easily accessible to workers, shared with remote workers, provided in other languages as needed, and replaced with any annually updated versions.

This Poster is a summary and cannot be relied on as complete labor law information. For all rules, fact sheets, translations, questions, or complaints, or for the status of the public health emergency (*a qualifying emergency remains in effect as of January 2022), contact:

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201 West Colfax Avenue, Dept. 1102 (2nd Floor) | Denver, CO 80202 | Phone: (720) 913-8458 | Video Phone: (720) 458-8486 darius.smith@denvergov.org

www.denvergov.org/antidiscrimination

ARE YOU PAID DENVER'S CITYWIDE MINIMUM WAGE?

¿LE PAGAN EL SALARIO MÍNIMO DE DENVER?

CURRENT WAGE RATE

\$15.87/ hour Denver's Minimum Wage

Food and beverage employers may reduce wages by actual tips received up to \$3.02 per hour.

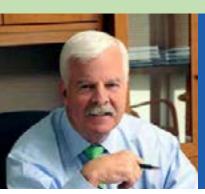
The minimum wage applies to all workers performing work within the geographical boundaries of the City and County of Denver. If you currently work in Denver and your rate of pay is less than the minimum wage, please visit denvergov.org/minimumwage or call 720-913-5039 to begin an investigation.

TARIFA SALARIAL ACTUAL

\$15.87/ hora Salario mínimo de Denver

En la industria de comidas y bebidas, se puede reducir la paga hasta un máximo de \$3.02/hora en función de las propinas que haya recibido el trabajador.

El salario mínimo aplica a todo trabajador que realice su actividad dentro de los límites geográficos de la Ciudad y el Condado de Denver. Si usted trabaja en Denver y su tarifa de pago por hora es menor que el salario mínimo en toda la ciudad, visite nuestra página web denvergov.org/minimumwage o llame al 720-913-5039 para comenzar una investigación.





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