

# FEDERAL LABOR LAWS

## EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

**FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE \$7.25 PER HOUR**  
BEGINNING JULY 24, 2009

The law requires employers to display this poster where employees can readily see it.

**OVERSTAFFING**

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**TIP CREDIT**

Employers of "tipped employees" who need to deduct from their employees' wages a credit based on tips received by these employees. Employees must pay for their tips at least 1½ times the regular rate of pay for all hours worked over 45 in a workweek.

**CHILD LABOR**

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**MISCLASSIFICATION**

The FLSA requires employers to provide reasonable break time for a nursing mother to express breast milk for her nursing child for one year after the child's birth. An employer must provide reasonable break time and meal time for an employee who has to express breast milk. Employers also are required to provide a place, other than a bathroom, where an employee can view and have private access to the employee's breasts and where facilities may be put into use that the minimum wage under specific circumstances by the Department of Labor.

**WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION**  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
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## Equal Employment Opportunity is THE LAW

Private Employers, State and Local Governments, Educational Institutions, Employment Agencies and Labor Unions

Applicants to and employees of most private employers, state and local governments, educational institutions, employment agencies and labor unions are protected under Federal laws from discrimination on the following bases:

**RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN**

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, protects applicants and employees from discrimination in job training, promotion, discharge, pay, benefits, and other aspects of employment, and other aspects of occupation, by an employer who fails to make a reasonable accommodation to an employee's religious practices where the accommodation does not unduly burden the employer.

**DISABILITY**

Title I and Title V of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, protect qualified individuals from discrimination on the basis of disability in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, benefits, and other aspects of employment, including training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. Disability discrimination includes failure to make a reasonable accommodation for the limitations of disabled or disabled persons; specifically, family medical leave; and requests for reasonable accommodations for physical or mental impairments or disabilities by applicants, employees, or former family members.

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

In addition to sex discrimination prohibited by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, prohibits applicants and employees from discrimination on the basis of sex, gender, or sexual orientation, including harassment, pay or benefit discrimination, and other aspects of employment. Sexuality discrimination includes failure to make a reasonable accommodation for the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual who is an applicant or employee, having sex or being female. Section 503 also requires that employers provide reasonable accommodations to employees with disabilities who are qualified individuals with disabilities at all levels of employment, including the executive level.

**EMPLOYERS HOLDING Federal Contracts or Subcontracts**

Applicants to and employees of companies with a Federal government contract or subcontract are protected under Federal law from discrimination on the following bases:

**RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN**

Executive Order 11246, as amended, prohibits job discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, and requires contractors to make reasonable accommodations for disabled veterans.

**INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, benefits, and other aspects of employment. Disability discrimination includes failure to make a reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual who is an applicant or employee, having sex or being female. Section 503 also requires that employers provide reasonable accommodations to employees with disabilities who are qualified individuals with disabilities at all levels of employment, including the executive level.

Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance

**RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX**

Is an application for the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, for Federal financial assistance on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programmatic areas of the Federal Government. Employment discrimination is covered by Title VII of the primary objective of the financial assistance provided by or otherwise used in carrying out the program. Title VI of the Education Amendments of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities which receive Federal financial assistance.

**INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of disability in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, benefits, and other aspects of employment against persons with disabilities who, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of the job.

If you believe you have been discriminated against in a program of any institution which receives Federal financial assistance, you should immediately contact the Federal agency providing such assistance.

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## EMPLOYEE RIGHTS EMPLOYEE POLYGRAPH PROTECTION ACT

**The Employee Polygraph Protection Act prohibits most private employers from using lie detector tests either for pre-employment screening or during the course of employment.**

**PROHIBITIONS**

Employers are generally prohibited from requesting or requiring any employee or job applicant to take a lie detector test and from discharging, disciplining, or discriminating against an employee or prospective employee for refusing to take a test or for exercising other rights under the Act.

**EXEMPTIONS**

Federal and state local governments are not affected by the law. Also, the law does not apply to tests given by the Federal Government to certain private individuals engaged in national security-related activities.

The Act permits polygraph testing (kind of lie detection) tests to be administered in the private sector by certain prospective employees of security firms, firms involved in space, and guard, and of pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors and dispensers.

The Act also permits polygraph testing, subject to restrictions, of certain employees of private firms who are reasonably suspected of involvement in a workplace incident [theft, embezzlement, etc.] that resulted in economic loss to the employee.

The law does not preempt any provision of any State or local law or any collective bargaining agreement which is more restrictive with respect to lie detector testing.

**EXAMINER RIGHTS**

Where polygraph tests are permitted, they are subject to numerous strict standards concerning the conduct and length of the test. Examiners have a number of specific rights, including the right to a written notice before testing, the right to refuse or discontinue a test, and the right not to have test results disclosed to management persons.

**ENFORCEMENT**

The Secretary of Labor may bring court actions to restrain violations and assess penalties against violators. Employees or job applicants may also bring their own court actions.

**THE LAW REQUIRES EMPLOYERS TO DISPLAY THIS POSTER WHERE EMPLOYEES AND JOB APPLICANTS CAN READILY SEE IT.**

## EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

Eligible employees who work for a covered employer can take up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave for a qualifying reason related to the birth of a child or for the care of a child born or placed for adoption.

• The birth or child placement of a child for adoption or foster care;

• To care for the employee's spouse, child, or parent who has a qualifying serious health condition;

• For the employee's own qualifying serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the employee's job;

• For qualifying exigencies related to the deployment of a military member who is the employee's spouse, child, or parent.

An eligible employee who is a covered employee's spouse, child, parent, or next of kin may take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the care of the employee's spouse, child, or parent with a serious injury or illness.

An employee does not need to use leave in one block. When it is medically necessary or otherwise permitted, employees may take leave intermittently or on a reduced schedule. For example, an employee may take leave in increments of one-half hour per day while taking FMLA leave. If an employee continues accrued paid leave while taking FMLA leave, the employee must comply with the employee's normal paid leave policies.

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU BELIEVE DISCRIMINATION HAS OCCURRED**

There are strict time limits for filing charges of employment discrimination. To preserve the ability to file an EEOC charge, an employee must file a charge of discrimination with the EEOC within 180 days of the discriminatory act. To file an EEOC charge, an employee must file a charge with the EEOC within 180 days of the discriminatory act.

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The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, protects applicants and employees 40 years of age and older from discrimination in employment, including training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. Disability discrimination includes failure to make a reasonable accommodation for the limitations of disabled or disabled persons; specifically, family medical leave; and requests for reasonable accommodations for physical or mental impairments or disabilities by applicants, employees, or former family members.

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For additional information or to file a complaint:

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[www.dol.gov/whd](http://www.dol.gov/whd)

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## YOUR RIGHTS UNDER USERRA

THE UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT

USERRA protects the job rights of individuals who voluntarily or involuntarily leave employment positions to undertake military service or certain types of service in the National Disaster Medical System. USERRA also prohibits employers from discriminating against past and present members of the uniformed services, and applicants to the uniformed services.

**REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS**

You have the right to be reimbursed in your civilian job if you leave that job to perform military service.

• You ensure that your employer receives advance written or verbal notice of your service; that particular employee;

• You return to work or apply for reemployment in a timely manner after completion of service; and

• You have been separated from service with a disqualifying discharge or under other circumstances.

If you are eligible to be reemployed, you must be restored to the job and benefits you would have attained if you had not been absent due to military service, if no comparable job.

**RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION**

If you:

• Are a past or present member of the uniformed service;

• Have applied for membership in the uniformed service; or

• Are obliged to serve in the uniformed service;

then an employer may not deny:

• Initial employment; • Employment; • Reemployment; • Reemployment in employment;

• Promotion; or • Any benefit of employment because of:

because of:

an employee's or former member's military service;

or if an employee or former member retaliates against anyone assisting in the enforcement of USERRA rights, including testifying or making a statement in connection with a proceeding under USERRA, even if that person has no service connection.

**ENFORCEMENT**

The U.S. Department of Labor, Defense Employment and Training Agency (DET) is authorized to investigate and resolve complaints of USERRA violations.

• For assistance in filing a complaint, or for other information on USERRA, contact DET at:

• 1-866-4-USWA-DET, or visit its website at:

<http://www.dol.gov/vets/userra/poster.htm>. Federal law requires employers to notify employees of their rights under USERRA, and employers may meet this requirement by displaying the text of this notice where they customarily place notices for employees.

**Employers must:**

• Provide employees a workplace free from recognized hazards. It is illegal to retaliate against an employee for using any of their rights under the law, including raising a health and safety concern with you or with OSHA, or reporting a work-related injury or illness.

• Comply with all applicable OSHA standards.

• Report to OSHA all work-related fatalities within 8 hours, and all inpatient hospitalizations, amputations and losses of an eye within 24 hours.

• Provide required training to all workers in a language and vocabulary they can understand.

• Prominently display this poster in the workplace.

• Post OSHA citations at or near the place of the alleged violations.

**FREE ASSISTANCE** to identify and correct hazards is available to small and medium-sized employers, without citation or penalty, through OSHA-supported consultation programs in every state.

**Contact OSHA. We can help.**

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