

— **Know your rights** —
**under Minnesota laws
prohibiting age discrimination**

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- reduce in grade or position or demote
- discharge or dismiss
- mandate retirement*

on the basis of age.

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because they can no longer meet the requirements
of the job must give 30 days notice of intention to terminate.**

This poster contains only a summary of Minnesota Statutes 181.81 and 363A.
There are exceptions to this law.

Detailed information or assistance may be obtained by writing or calling
the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry.

For more information about Minnesota wage and hour requirements, contact:

Department of Labor and Industry
Labor Standards
443 Lafayette Road N.
St. Paul, MN 55155



MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR & INDUSTRY

(651) 284-5005
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dli.laborstandards@state.mn.us
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Employer-sponsored meetings

Employer-sponsored meetings or communication

An employer or the employer's agent, representative or designee must not discharge, discipline or otherwise penalize or threaten to discharge, discipline or otherwise penalize or take any adverse employment action against an employee:

1. because the employee declines to attend or participate in an employer-sponsored meeting or declines to receive or listen to communications from the employer or the agent, representative or designee of the employer if the meeting or communication is to communicate the opinion of the employer about religious or political matters;
2. as a means of inducing an employee to attend or participate in meetings or receive or listen to communications described in number 1 above; or
3. because the employee, or a person acting on behalf of the employee, makes a good-faith report, orally or in writing, of a violation or a suspected violation of this section.

Remedies

An aggrieved employee may bring a civil action to enforce this section of the law no later than 90 days after the date of the alleged violation. The court may award all appropriate relief, including injunctive relief, reinstatement, back pay and reestablishment of any employee benefits, reasonable attorney fees and costs.

Scope

This section does not:

1. prohibit communications of information the employer is required by law to communicate, but only to the extent of the lawful requirement;
2. limit the rights of an employer or its agent, representative or designee to conduct meetings involving religious or political matters as long as attendance is wholly voluntary or to engage in communications as long as receipt or listening is wholly voluntary; or
3. limit the rights of an employer or its agent, representative or designee from communicating to its employees any information, or requiring employee attendance at meetings and other events, that is necessary for the employees to perform their lawfully required job duties.

Summary

This law does not prohibit or regulate employer speech. The law regulates when an employer may discipline or fire an employee who declines to attend meetings about religious or political matters.

To review this law in full, including definitions, notice requirements and additional information about remedies, see Minnesota Statutes § 181.531. The Department of Labor and Industry does not enforce this law.

For more information about this law, contact an attorney.

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Minimum wage rates

Effective: Aug. 1, 2016

MINIMUM WAGE RATE	
<p>Large employer – Any enterprise with an annual gross dollar volume of sales made or business done of \$500,000 or more</p>	\$9.50 /hour
<p>Small employer – Any enterprise with an annual gross volume of sales made or business done of less than \$500,000</p> <p>Training wage – May be paid to employees younger than 20 years of age for the first 90 consecutive days of employment</p> <p>Youth wage – May be paid to employees younger than 18 years of age</p>	\$7.75 /hour
<p>J-1 Visa – Applies to employees of hotels, motels, lodging establishments and resorts working under the authority of a summer work, travel Exchange Visitor (J) non-immigrant visa</p>	\$7.75 /hour

OVERTIME	Time-and-one-half the employee's regular rate of pay	Small or state-covered employers	Large and federally covered employers
		After 48 hours	After 40 hours

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS	An employer may not discharge, discipline, threaten, discriminate or penalize an employee regarding the employee's compensation, conditions, location or privileges of employment because the employee reports a violation of any law or refuses to participate in an activity the employee knows is a violation of law.
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View complete wage rate information at www.dli.mn.gov/MinWage.

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This material can be provided to you in different formats (Braille, large print or audio) if you call (651) 284-5005 or 1-800-342-5354.

Employees

The Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Act (the Act) requires that your employer provide you with a workplace free of known hazards that can cause death, injury or illness. You also have the following workplace rights and responsibilities.

- You must follow all Minnesota OSHA (MNOSHA) standards and your employer's safety rules.
- Your employer must provide you with information about any hazardous chemicals, harmful physical agents and infectious agents you are exposed to at work.
- You have the right to discuss your workplace safety and health concerns with your employer or with MNOSHA.
- You have the right to refuse to perform a job duty if you believe the task or equipment will place you at immediate risk of death or serious physical injury. However, you must do any other task your employer assigns you to do. You cannot simply leave the workplace.
- You have the right to be notified and comment if your employer requests any variance from MNOSHA standard requirements.
- You have the right to speak to a MNOSHA investigator inspecting your workplace.
- You have the right to file a complaint with MNOSHA about safety and health hazards and request that an inspection be conducted. MNOSHA will not reveal your name to the employer.
- You have the right to see all citations, penalties and abatement dates issued to your employer by MNOSHA.
- Your employer cannot discriminate against you for exercising any of your rights under the Act. However, your employer can discipline you for not following its safety and health rules. If you feel your employer has discriminated against you for exercising your rights under the Act, you have 30 days to file a complaint with MNOSHA.
- Your employer must provide you with any exposure and medical records it has about you upon request.
- You have the right to participate in the development of standards by MNOSHA.

Employers

You must provide your employees with a safe and healthful work environment free from any known hazards that can cause death, injury or illness and comply with all applicable MNOSHA standards. You also have the following rights and responsibilities.

- You must **post a copy of this poster** and other MNOSHA documents where other notices to employees are posted.
- You **must report to MNOSHA within eight hours** all accidents resulting in the death of an employee.
- You **must report to MNOSHA within 24 hours** all accidents resulting in any amputation, eye loss or inpatient hospitalization of any employee.
- You must allow MNOSHA investigators to conduct inspections, interview employees and review records.
- You must provide all necessary personal protective equipment and training at your expense.
- You have the right to participate in the development of standards by MNOSHA.

Free safety and health assistance

Free assistance to identify and correct hazards is available to employers, without citation or penalty, through MNOSHA Workplace Safety Consultation at (651) 284-5060, 1-800-657-3776 or osha.consultation@state.mn.us.

Contact MNOSHA for a copy of the Act, for specific safety and health standards or to file a complaint about workplace hazards.

Department of Labor and Industry
Occupational Safety and Health Division
443 Lafayette Road N.
St. Paul, MN 55155-4307



(651) 284-5050
1-877-470-6742
osha.compliance@state.mn.us
www.dli.mn.gov

UNEMPLOYED?

Have you lost your job or had your work hours reduced?

**You have the right to apply for
Unemployment Insurance benefits.**

**Apply online at:
www.uimn.org**

or by telephone:

651-296-3644 (Twin Cities) or

toll free 1-877-898-9090 (Greater Minnesota)

TTY (for the deaf and hearing impaired) 1-866-814-1252

This information is available in an alternative format by calling 651-259-7223.

DEED is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Provider.

— If you are injured —

- Report any injury to your supervisor as soon as possible, no matter how minor it may appear. You may lose the right to workers' compensation benefits if you do not make a timely report of the injury to your employer. The time limit may be as short as 14 days.
- Provide your employer with as much information as possible about your injury.
- Get any necessary medical treatment as soon as possible. If you are not covered by a certified managed care organization (CMCO), you may treat with a doctor of your choice. Your employer must notify you in writing if you are covered by a CMCO.
- Cooperate with all requests for information concerning your claim.
The law allows the workers' compensation insurer to obtain medical information related to your work injury without your authorization, but they must send you written notification when they request the information.
The insurer cannot obtain other medical records unless you sign a written authorization.
- Get written confirmation from your doctor about any authorization to be off work. The note should be as specific as possible.

— Workers' compensation pays for —

- Medical care for your work injury, as long as it is reasonable and necessary.
- Wage-loss benefits for part of your lost income.
- Compensation for permanent damage to or loss of function of a body part.
- Vocational rehabilitation services if you cannot return to your pre-injury job or to your pre-injury employer due to your work injury.
- Benefits to your spouse and/or dependents if you die as a result of a work injury.

— What the insurer must do —

- The insurer must investigate your claim promptly. If you have been disabled for more than three calendar-days, the insurer must begin payment of benefits or send you a denial of liability within 14 days after your employer knew you were off work or had lost wages because of your claimed injury.
- **If the insurer accepts your claim for wage-loss benefits and you have been disabled for more than three calendar-days:** The insurer will notify you and must start paying wage-loss benefits within the 14 days noted above. The insurer must pay benefits on time. Wage-loss benefits are paid at the same intervals as your work paychecks.
- **If the insurer denies your claim for wage-loss benefits and you have been disabled for more than three calendar-days:** The insurer will send notice to you within 14 days. The notice must clearly explain the facts and reasons why they believe your injury or illness did not result from your work or why the claimed wage-loss benefits are not related to your injury.
If you disagree with the denial, talk with the insurance claims adjuster who is handling your claim. If you are not satisfied and still disagree with the denial, **call the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry's Workers' Compensation Hotline at 1-800-342-5354.**

Fraud

Collecting workers' compensation benefits you are not entitled to is theft. If you have reason to suspect someone is committing workers' compensation fraud, call 1-888-FRAUD MN (1-888-372-8366).

For more information about workers' compensation or if you need assistance with a claim, contact:

Department of Labor and Industry
Workers' Compensation
443 Lafayette Road N.
St. Paul, MN 55155

(651) 284-5032
1-800-DIAL-DLI (1-800-342-5354)
dli.workcomp@state.mn.us
www.dli.mn.gov

Insurer name

Phone number

Posting required by law in a conspicuous location wherever the employer is engaged in business.

Company	WC Company	Account Number	Phone Number	WC Company Address
Creative	Travelers	UB-B3770132-25-13	1.800.252.4633	P.O. Box 660456 Dallas, TX 75266-0456
Indigenous	Travelers	UB-B3770132-25-13	1.800.252.4633	P.O. Box 660456 Dallas, TX 75266-0456
DN Investments	Travelers	UB-B3770132-25-13	1.800.252.4633	P.O. Box 660456 Dallas, TX 75266-0456
Channel Blend	Travelers	UB-B3770132-25-13	1.800.252.4633	P.O. Box 660456 Dallas, TX 75266-0456
ET	Travelers	UB-B3770132-25-13	1.800.252.4633	P.O. Box 660456 Dallas, TX 75266-0456
Professional Services	Travelers	UB-B3770132-25-13	1.800.252.4633	P.O. Box 660456 Dallas, TX 75266-0456
DNEDA	Hudson Insurance Group/Tribal First	OBH-0105127-10	866.546.3981	100 William St, New York, NY 10038
Unami	Hudson Insurance Group/Tribal First	OBH-0105127-10	866.546.3981	100 William St, New York, NY 10038

MINNESOTA PAID LEAVE

Effective January 1, 2026

Minnesota Paid Leave provides payments and job protections when you need time off to care for yourself or your family.

What can I use Paid Leave for?

Medical Leave:

- To care for your own serious health condition, including care related to pregnancy, childbirth, and recovery

Family Leave:

- **Bonding Leave** – to care for and bond with a new child welcomed through birth, adoption, or foster placement
- **Caring Leave** – to care for a family member with a serious health condition
- **Military Family Leave** – to support a family member called to active duty
- **Safety Leave** – to respond to issues related to domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking for yourself or a family member

Generally, conditions must last more than seven days and be certified by a healthcare provider or other professional.

Am I covered by Paid Leave?

Most workers in Minnesota are covered by Paid Leave. You are covered no matter the size of your employer, or the hours or days you work. Independent contractors and self-employed individuals are not automatically covered but may opt in. You may qualify for payments if you've been paid a minimum amount for work in Minnesota in the last year (\$3,900 for the start of Paid Leave in 2026).

How long can I take leave?

You may qualify to take up to 12 weeks of family or medical leave per benefit year. If you need both family and medical leave in the same benefit year, you may qualify for up to 20 weeks in total.

How much will I get paid?

When you use Paid Leave, the state makes payments to you. Paid Leave will pay up to 90% of your wages, based on your income level, with a maximum weekly amount set at the state's average weekly wage. This amount changes each year, and is \$1,423 for the start of Paid Leave in 2026.

Who pays for Paid Leave?

Paid Leave is funded by premiums paid by employees and employers. The initial premium rate is 0.88% of covered wages. Your employer may deduct up to 0.44% of your wages to fund your portion of the premium.

What are my employment protections?

- **Job protections:** Generally, you must be restored to your job or an equivalent position when returning from leave. Job protections take effect 90 days after your date of hire.
- **Health insurance continuation:** Generally, employers must continue to fund their portion of healthcare insurance premiums while you are on leave.
- **No retaliation or interference:** Employers must not interfere with or retaliate against you if you apply for or use Paid Leave. Employers cannot take your Paid Leave payments.

For inquiries related to Paid Leave, please contact Minnesota Paid Leave at 651-556-7777 or visit our website.

If you think your employer is violating employment protections, contact the Labor Standards Division at the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry.

LEARN MORE: paidleave.mn.gov



This information can be provided in alternative formats to people with disabilities or people needing language assistance by calling the Paid Leave Contact Center at 651-556-7777 or 844-556-0444 (toll-free).

