

Regulation 4157.1: Work-Related Injuries

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In order to provide medical benefits, temporary or permanent disability benefits, wage replacement, retraining or skill enhancement, and/or death benefits in the event that an employee becomes injured or ill in the course of employment, the district shall provide all employees with insurance and workers' compensation benefits in accordance with law. The Superintendent or designee shall develop an efficient claims handling process that reduces costs and facilitates employee recovery.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify every new employee, at the time of hire or by the end of the first pay period, of the employee's right to receive workers' compensation benefits if injured at work. (Labor Code 3551; 8 CCR 15596)

In addition, a notice regarding workers' compensation benefits shall be posted in a conspicuous location frequented by employees, where the notice may be easily read during the workday. (Labor Code 3550)

In the event that an employee is injured or becomes ill in the course of employment, the employee shall report the work-related injury or illness to the Superintendent or designee as soon as practicable. The employee and appropriate district staff shall also promptly document the date and time of any incident, a description of the incident, and any persons present.

Within one working day of receiving notice or knowledge of any injury to an employee in the course of employment, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a claim form and notice of potential eligibility for workers' compensation benefits to the employee or, in the case of the employee's death, to the employee's dependents. The claim form and notice shall be provided personally or by first class mail. (Labor Code 5401)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all employee notices described above are in the form prescribed by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), Division of Workers Compensation.

The Superintendent or designee shall additionally ensure that any employee who is a victim of a crime that occurred at the place of employment is given written notice personally or by first class mail within one working day of the crime, or when the district reasonably should have known of the crime, that the employee is eligible for workers' compensation benefits for injuries, including psychiatric injuries, that may have resulted from the crime. (Labor Code 3553)

Upon learning of a work-related injury or illness, or injury or illness alleged to have arisen out of and in the course of employment, the Superintendent or designee shall report the incident to the district's insurance carrier or DIR, as applicable, within five days after obtaining knowledge of the injury or illness. If a subsequent death arises as a result of the reported injury or illness, an amended report indicating the death shall be filed within five days after being notified of or learning about the death. (Labor Code 6409.1)

In addition, in every case involving death or serious injury or illness, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately make a report to the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) by telephone or through an online mechanism made available by Cal/OSHA. (Labor Code 6409.1)

For the purpose of this report, serious injury or illness means any injury or illness occurring in a place of employment or in connection with any employment that requires inpatient hospitalization for other than medical observation or diagnostic testing, or in which an employee suffers an amputation, the loss of an eye, or any serious degree of permanent disfigurement. (Labor Code 6302)

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
8 CCR 15596	Notice of employee rights to workers' compensation benefits
Ed. Code 44984	Required rules for industrial accident and illness leave
Ed. Code 45192	Industrial accident and illness leave for classified employees

State

Lab. Code 3200-4856	Workers' compensation
Lab. Code 3550-3553	Notifications: Workers' compensation benefits
Lab. Code 3600-3605	Conditions of liability
Lab. Code 3760	Report of injury to insurer
Lab. Code 4600	Provision of medical and hospital treatment by employer
Lab. Code 4906	Disclosures and statements
Lab. Code 5400-5413	Notice of injury or death
Lab. Code 6302	Definition of serious injury or illness
Lab. Code 6409.1	Reports

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CA Department of Industrial Relations Publication	Workers' Compensation in California: A Guidebook for Injured Workers, 2016
CA Department of Industrial Relations Publication	Workers' Compensation Claim Form (DWC 1) & Notice of Potential Eligibility
CA Department of Industrial Relations Publication	Notice to Employees - Injuries Caused by Work
CA Department of Industrial Relations Publication	Time of Hire Pamphlet
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Workers Compensation
Website	California Department of Industrial Relations, Occupational Safety and Health
Website	CSBA
Website	California Department of Public Health

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1240	Volunteer Assistance
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4112.9	Employee Notifications
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4161.1	Personal Illness/Injury Leave
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