



It is your employer's responsibility to provide a safe work environment for you. You may recognize workplace situations that could cause injury or illness. You can report such hazards to the Safety Violations Hotline.



Every year, workplace hazards result in an extensive number of injuries, illnesses and fatalities involving Texas workers. One of the goals of the Texas Department of Insurance Division of Workers' Compensation is to promote safe and healthy work environments.



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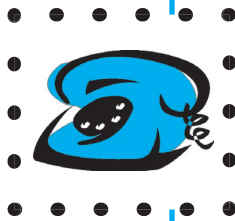
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What is the Safety Violations Hotline?

The Safety Violations Hotline is a tool for Texas employees to address workplace health and safety concerns. It allows you to report unsafe working conditions to the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI, DWC). You can report hazards without fear of retribution from your employer. The Hotline can help you take an active role in preventing workplace injuries and illnesses. TDI, DWC safety inspectors work with the employers and insurance carriers to help eliminate workplace health and safety hazards.



How does the Hotline work?

The hazard investigation process begins with a call from you. Simply call 1•800•452•9595 (toll-free). You may speak to an attendant or be asked to leave a recorded message. Please provide the following information:

- Your name and contact information, such as phone number or address (optional);
 - Company name, address, city, telephone number and owner or responsible head of the organization; and
 - Detailed description of hazard.
- After the call is received, the following process takes place:
- Contact is made by TDI to the insurance carrier and/or employer.
 - The hazardous situation is investigated by the insurance carrier and/or the employer.
 - The hazard is corrected by the employer.
 - The employer or insurance carrier notifies TDI that the hazard has been corrected.
 - If possible, TDI notifies you of hazard correction.
 - The case is closed.

Things you should know about the Hotline

- Each call is treated as valid and is investigated as fully as possible based on the information provided by the caller.
- It is against the law for your employer to engage in any form of disciplinary action against you, such as demotion, harassment or termination, as a result of your report of an occupational hazard to the Hotline.
- Hotline calls can be taken in English or Spanish.
- If you leave your name and address with your report of hazard, you will be notified by TDI as to the outcome of the investigation that resulted from your call.
- You do not have to provide your name to report a hazard.

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