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## Media Advisory

### State Division of Workers' Compensation holds free Spanish-language seminar on workers' compensation benefits and laws in Los Angeles

#### Event

The California Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) will conduct a free Spanish-language seminar on workers' compensation benefits and laws in Los Angeles Jan. 11. The seminar is set up for workers that have recently filed a workers' compensation claim with their employer, but any employee can benefit from attending and anyone can attend.

At this free, one-hour workshop, those attending will learn about their right to medical treatment, disability payments, returning to work after an injury and resolving a disagreement over a claim. The workshop consists of a presentation followed by a question and answer session.

#### Date & time

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006

6 - 7 p.m.

#### Location

Bob Hope Patriotic Hall

1816 S. Figueroa Street

Wilson Room, 8th floor

Los Angeles CA

#### Special information

- Members of the news media are invited to attend. Spanish-speaking workers' compensation representatives will be available for interviews
- Injured workers can call 1-800-736-7401 and press 2 to get workshop and other workers' compensation information in Spanish
- Flyers for the workshop can be downloaded in Spanish and English from [http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/dwc\\_home\\_page.htm](http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/dwc_home_page.htm). Click on the link that says, "Injured on the job? Need to know your rights?" at the top of the page.

- Spanish and English-language workshop posters are also available from the Division of Workers' Compensation by calling 510.286.7076.

**Background information**

The Jan. 11 workshop in Los Angeles is the second in a series of Spanish-language workshops to be held around the state. The division is partnering with Cal/OSHA, the state's occupational safety and health agency, and the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE) to choose locations and advise workers about the workshop.

"We want to locate those workers most likely to be injured on the job so we can help them understand their rights," said DWC Acting Administrative Director Carrie Nevans.

"Coordinating with Cal/OSHA and DLSE helps accomplish this because they have extensive experience with high-hazard industries, the underground economy and receive complaints about substandard working conditions."

Conducting workshops for injured workers in Spanish is one of the DWC's first steps in creating greater access to information about workers' compensation for all California's wage earners.

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