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State Division of Workers' Compensation to hold free Spanish-language seminar on workers' compensation benefits and laws in Oakland

Seminar the second in a new program for Bay Area employees

Oakland - The California Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) will conduct a free Spanish-language seminar on workers' compensation benefits and laws in Oakland on Thursday, Aug. 10 from 6-7 p.m. This seminar is the second in a new program for Bay Area workers, which rotates on a monthly basis between San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose.

"We now have regular Spanish-language workshops in these communities," said DWC Acting Administrative Director Carrie Nevans. "This new service helps us reach workers who may not be aware of their rights."

The seminar is set up for employees that have recently filed a workers' compensation claim with their employer, but any worker can benefit from attending and anyone can attend. The Oakland workshop will be held:

Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006

6-7 p.m.

Cesar E. Chavez Branch Library

3301 E 12th Street, Suite 271

In Fruitvale Village next to the Fruitvale BART station

Oakland, CA

The seminars take place on the second Thursday of each month and rotate between the three Bay Area cities, moving to San Jose in September, San Francisco in October, back to Oakland in November and so forth. At the seminars, held at easily accessible community locations, employees get information on their right to medical treatment, disability payments, returning to work after an injury and resolving a disagreement over a claim.

The DWC conducts English-language seminars for injured workers on a monthly basis at each of its 24 local offices. A listing of workshop days, times and locations in English and Spanish can be found on DWC's Web site at www.dir.ca.gov/dwc. Click on the link that says, "Injured on the job? Need to know your rights?" Injured workers can also call 1-800-736-7401 to find the workshop near them and hear other recorded information. To go directly to workshop locations

in English, callers should press 7, then 7 again, then 1 after dialing the 800 number. Spanish-speaking workers may call 1-800-736-7401 and press 2 for details.

The division also makes workshop posters in English and Spanish available for free to community based organizations, employers, medical providers and others who'd like to post them. Call 510.286.7076 for more information.

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