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Division of Workers' Compensation will participate in Cinco de mayo celebrations

Outreach to focus on workers' rights to benefits if injured on the job and injury and illness prevention

The California Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) will participate in two separate Northern California Cinco de mayo events. The first event is this Saturday, May 2 at Dolores Park in San Francisco. The second event is in Stockton on Sunday, May 3 at the Weber Point Events Center.

“We are determined to ensure that those who need us most know who we are and where to find us,” said DWC acting Deputy Administrative Director Destie Overpeck. “We’re ready to leave our cubicles, roll up our sleeves, and get out into the grass roots environment to tell people we are here to serve them if they should get hurt on the job. We want to specifically reach workers in high hazard industries and occupations, which often overlaps with the immigrant population both of our partners for this holiday celebration primarily serve.”

The first Cinco de mayo celebration is hosted by San Francisco’s Mission Neighborhood Centers. The second is organized and presented by El Concilio, Council for the Spanish-speaking of Stockton.

Festival-goers can receive general information on medical treatment, disability payments, returning to work after an injury and resolving a disagreement over a workers’ comp claim. They may also be able to get assistance, in Spanish, with their individual cases if they want it. Additionally, they will be provided with information about the state’s heat illness prevention program. The events will take place:

Saturday, May 2, 2009

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Dolores Park

Dolores St. between 18th & 20th St.

San Francisco, CA

Sunday, May 3, 2009
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Weber Point Events Center
221 North Center Street
Stockton, CA

Both events will feature traditional dances, mariachi performances and contemporary Regional Mexican entertainment, and also offer the opportunity to distribute commercial, educational, and arts and crafts material in a festive environment.

Workers who are unable to speak to a DWC representative at this event can find a listing of regularly scheduled workshop days, times and locations in English and Spanish on DWC's Web site at www.dwc.ca.gov. In the left navigation pane, click on “know my rights” under the “I want to” section. Spanish-speaking workers can scroll down the main navigation pane to the “En español” link above the “What’s new” section.

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

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