

315 Workers' Compensation Insurance

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We provide a comprehensive workers' compensation insurance program at no cost to our employees. This program covers any injury or illness sustained in the course of employment that requires medical, surgical, or hospital treatment. Subject to applicable legal requirements, workers' compensation insurance may also provide wage replacement benefits after a short waiting period.

If you experience or witness a work-related injury or illness, you must tell your supervisor immediately even if the injury or illness seems minor.

You have a right to report all work-related injuries and illnesses. Reporting the injury or illness timely will enable an eligible employee to qualify for coverage under our workers' compensation insurance program as quickly as possible. We will not discriminate or retaliate against you for reporting work-related injuries or illnesses. However, failure to promptly report workplace injuries or illnesses may result in discipline, up to and including termination of employment.

You may use accumulated sick leave, followed by accumulated annual leave, while receiving workers' compensation benefits. However, you will only receive the difference between your workers' compensation benefit and your gross salary, and leave banks will be deducted only for the proportion of hours paid out. The combination of paid leave and workers' compensation benefits shall not exceed your gross salary. Please send a copy of your workers' compensation check to Human Resources so your salary may be adjusted accordingly. If you have exhausted all paid leave, you must request an unpaid leave of absence.

In general, we will make reasonable efforts to make accommodations and find light duty work if you suffer a work injury. However, we reserve the sole discretion to determine when light duty work is available. Where such work is possible, we will make sure the work provided stays within the restrictions established by your doctor. Similarly, if you return to a light duty position, you must agree to work within those restrictions, and are forbidden from working beyond them. If you turn down a light-duty or alternative work position, you may lose your ability to receive wage replacement from our work comp insurance company. Light duty assignments will be reviewed every 30 days.

If you are unable to perform the regular functions of your job due to a work injury, you may be required to notify the Department Head and Human Resources in writing regarding the nature and extent of your disability and the reason you are unable to perform the job duties. We will also require a doctor's report with a diagnosis, current treatment plan, expected length of disability, and any work restrictions. We may require an independent evaluation, at our expense, to verify medical information.