

## Your Rights Under The Iowa Minimum Wage Law

## Hourly Minimum Wage



The minimum wage applies to most hourly wage earners employed in Iowa. Most small retail and service establishments grossing less than \$300,000.00 annually are not required to pay the minimum wage. The majority of supervisory and administrative employees paid a salary are not covered by the law. Employers may pay an initial employment rate of \$6.35 for the first 90 calendar days of employment.

**TIP CREDIT** – The employer's share for tipped employees who customarily and regularly receive more than \$30.00 a month in tips must be at least \$4.35 an hour.

### Enforcement

The Iowa Division of Labor may bring action against employers who violate the state's minimum wage law. Courts may order payment of back wages. No employer can discriminate against or discharge an employee for filing a complaint or participating in a proceeding under this law.

> **Contact Information** Iowa Division of Labor **1000 East Grand Avenue** Des Moines, IA 50319-0209 Phone: 515-242-5870 Fax: 515-281-7995 www.iowadivisionoflabor.gov

**Federal Minimum Wage and Overtime Pay** 

Applications of the minimum wage rates under federal law differ from those under lowa Law. lowa employers must comply with the more stringent

## **EMPLOYEE RIGHTS** UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

## FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE \$7.25 PER HOUR The law requires employers to display this poster where employees can readily see it.

- **OVERTIME PAY** At least 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> times the regular rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek An employee must be at least 16 years old to work in most non-farm jobs and at least 18 to work in non-farm jobs declared hazardous by the Secretary of Labor. Youths 14 CHILD LABOR and 15 years old may work outside school hours in various non-manufacturing, non-mining, non-hazardous jobs with certain work hours restrictions. Different rules apply in agricultural employment **TIP CREDIT** Employers of "tipped employees" who meet certain conditions may claim a partial wage credit based on tips received by their employees. Employers must pay tipped employees a cash wage of at least \$2.13 per hour if they claim a tip credit against their minimum wage obligation. If an employee's tips combined with the employer's cash wage of at least \$2.13 per hour do not equal the minimum hourly wage, the employer must make up the difference. NURSING The FLSA requires employers to provide reasonable break time for a nursing mother employee who is subject to the FLSA's overtime requirements in order for the employe to express breast milk for her nursing child for one year after the child's birth each time such employee has a need to express breast milk. Employers are also required to **MOTHERS** provide a place, other than a bathroom, that is shielded from view and free from intrusion from coworkers and the public, which may be used by the employee to express
- The Department has authority to recover back wages and an equal amount in liquidated damages in instances of minimum wage, overtime, and other violations. The ENFORCEMENT Department may litigate and/or recommend criminal prosecution. Employers may be assessed civil money penalties for each willful or repeated violation of the minimum wage or overtime pay provisions of the law. Civil money penalties may also be assessed for violations of the FLSA's child labor provisions. Heightened civil money penalties may be assessed for each child labor violation that results in the death or serious injury of any minor employee, and such assessments may be doubled when the violations are determined to be willful or repeated. The law also prohibits retaliating against or discharging workers who file a complaint or participate in any proceeding under the FLSA

 Certain occupations and establishments are exempt from the minimum wage, and/or overtime pay provisions ADDITIONAL Special provisions apply to workers in American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. INFORMATION Some state laws provide greater employee protections: employers must comply with both

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Some employers incorrectly classify workers as "independent contractors" when they are actually employees under the FLSA. It is important to know the difference between the two because employees (unless exempt) are entitled to the FLSA's minimum wage and overtime pay protections and correctly classified independent contractors are not

Certain full-time students, student learners, apprentices, and workers with disabilities may be paid less than the minimum wage under special certificates issued by the Department of Labor.



# **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**

If you become unemployed, you may be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits. If you are still employed but working fewer hours than your regular full-time work week and are earning less than your regular full-time wages, you may be entitled to partial benefits. Unemployment insurance benefits are made possible by taxes paid by this employer. No deductions are made from your paycheck for unemployment insurance.

> The same week you become unemployed, you may file a new unemployment insurance claim online or in-person

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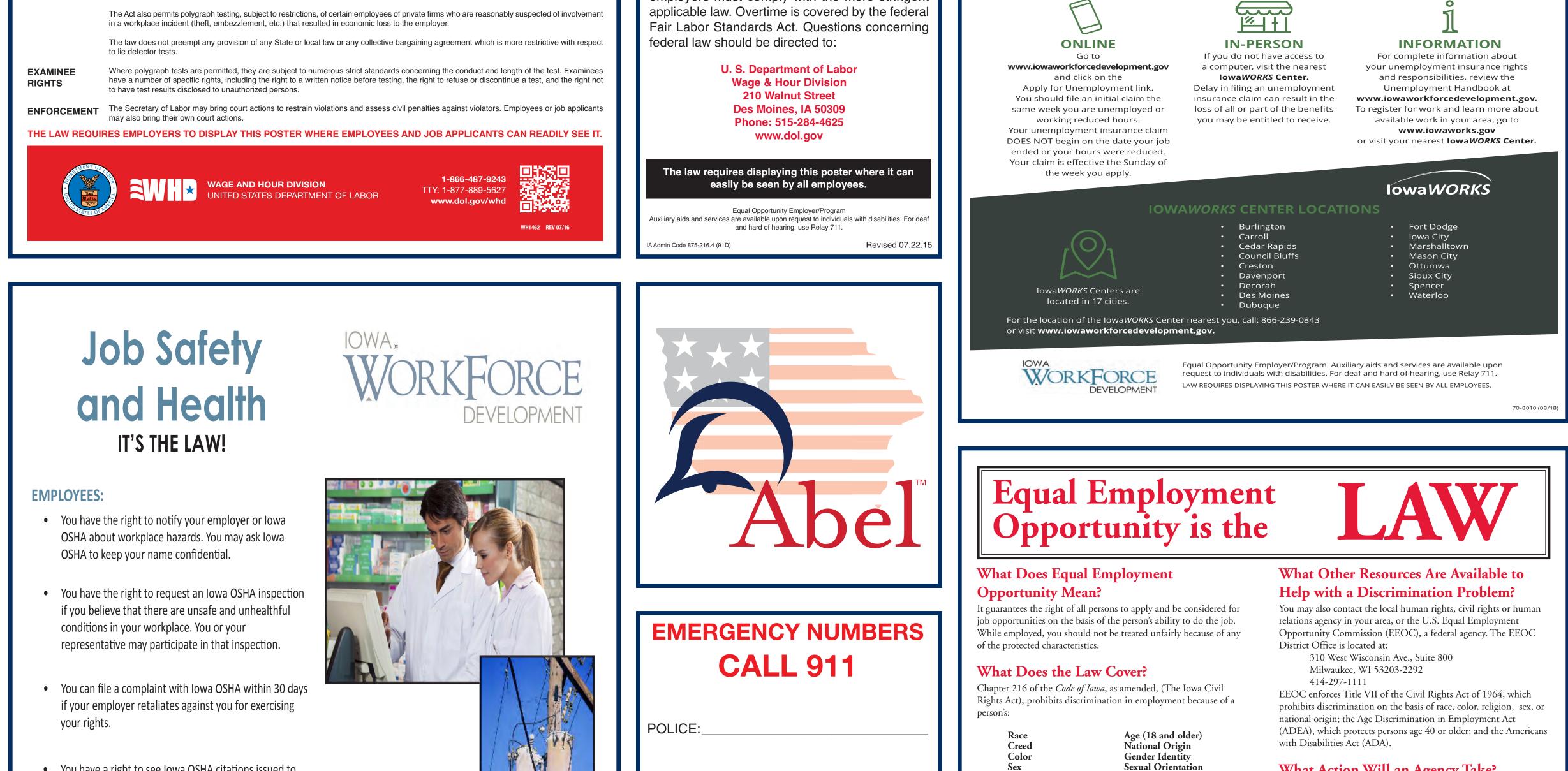
## **EMPLOYEE RIGHTS EMPLOYEE POLYGRAPH PROTECTION ACT**

The Employee Polygraph Protection Act prohibits most private employers from using lie detector tests either for pre-employment screening or during the course of employment.

PROHIBITIONS Employers are generally prohibited from requiring or requesting any employee or job applicant to take a lie detector test, and from discharging, disciplining, or discriminating against an employee or prospective employee for refusing to take a test or for exercising other rights under the Act

Federal, State and local governments are not affected by the law. Also, the law does not apply to tests given by the Federal Government to **EXEMPTIONS** certain private individuals engaged in national security-related activities.

> The Act permits polygraph (a kind of lie detector) tests to be administered in the private sector, subject to restrictions, to certain prospective employees of security service firms (armored car, alarm, and guard), and of pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors and dispensers.



You have a right to see Iowa OSHA citations issued to

your employer. Your employer must post the citations at or near the place of the alleged violation for at least 3 working days.

- Your employer must correct workplace hazards by the date indicated on the citation and must certify that these hazards have been reduced or eliminated.
- You have the right to copies of your medical records and records of your exposure to hazardous substances or conditions.
- Your employer must post this notice in your workplace.
- You must comply with all occupational safety and health standards that apply to your job.

### **EMPLOYERS:**

- You must furnish your employees a place of employment free from recognized hazards.
- You must comply with the occupational safety and health standards.
- Iowa OSHA Consultation can help you identify and correct hazards without citation or penalty.

To report a workplace fatality, hospitalization, amputation or the loss of an eye, visit www.iowaosha.gov or call 877-242-6742. For assistance and information contact: lowa OSHA 1000 East Grand Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0209 Phone: (515) 242-5870 or (800) JOB-IOWA Email: iowaosha@iwd.iowa.gov www.iowaosha.gov



### **Complaints About the Iowa OSHA Program**

You may file a complaint about Iowa OSHA by contacting:

2300 Main Street, Suite 1010 Kansas City, MO 64108-2447 Phone: (816) 283-8745

AMBULANCE:
PHYSICIAN:
HOSPITAL:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

**POISON CONTROL:** 

OSHA:

#### Pregnancy Religion Disability

### To Whom Does the Law Apply?

- Persons who apply for employment with, or employees of, private employers, state and local governments, and public and private educational institutions with four or more employees.
- Employment agencies, labor unions, contractors, and subcontractors, and apprenticeship programs.

## What Should I Do If I Believe I've Been Discriminated Against?

### You should immediately contact:

**Iowa Civil Rights Commission** 400 E. 14th Street, Grimes Building Des Moines, Iowa 50319 515-281-4121, 1-800-457-4416 515-242-5840 (FAX) http://www.state.ia.us/government/crc

You may contact the Commission by telephone or mail for information, or assistance in filing a complaint. The Commission's office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may leave a message at 515-281-4121 after hours for a return call. Your complaint must be filed within 300 days of the discriminatory act.

What Action Will an Agency Take?

The Commission's staff can answer questions about your rights

the Commission will take all appropriate actions to process the

complaint. There is no charge to file a complaint and you do not

complaint if you decide to pursue a claim. Once a complaint is filed,

under the Act and help you take the necessary steps to file a

need an attorney to file a complaint with the Commission.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

## PAY DAY NOTICE

### **PAY DAY IS ON:**

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	SATURDAY
WEDNESDAY	SUNDAY
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## **PAY SCHEDULE IS:**

SEMI MONTHLY

## **PAYCHECKS ARE ISSUED ON THE:**

OF THE MONTH AND AT:

## Equal Employment Opportunity is **THE LAW**

#### Private Employers, State and Local Governments, Educational Institutions **Employment Agencies and Labor Organizations**

Applicants to and employees of most private employers, state and local governments, educational institutions, employment agencies and labor organizations are protected under Federal law from discrimination on the following bases:

### RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, protects applicants and employees from discrimination in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), or national origin. Religious discrimination includes failing to reasonably accommodate an employee's religious practices where the accommodation does not impose undue hardship.

### DISABILITY

Title I and Title V of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, protect qualified individual from discrimination on the basis of disability in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. Disability discrimination includes not making reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability who is an applicant or employee, barring undue hardship. AGE

The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, protects applicants and employees 40 years of age or older from discrimination based on age in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment.

### SEX (WAGES)

In addition to sex discrimination prohibited by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, the Equal Pay Act of 1963, as amended, prohibits sex discrimination in the payment of wages to women and men performing substantially equal work, in jobs that require equal skill, effort, and responsibility, under similar working conditions, in the same establishment.

### GENETICS

Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 protects applicants and employees from discrimination based on genetic information in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. GINA also restricts employers' acquisition of genetic information and strictly limits disclosure of genetic information. Genetic information includes information about genetic tests of applicants, employees, or their family members; the manifestation of diseases or disorders in family members (family medical history); and requests for or receipt of genetic services by applicants, employees, or their family members

#### RETALIATION

All of these Federal laws prohibit covered entities from retaliating against a person who files a charge of discrimination, participates in a discrimination proceeding, or otherwise opposes an unlawful employment

### WHAT TO DO IF YOU BELIEVE DISCRIMINATION HAS OCCURRED

There are strict time limits for filing charges of employment discrimination. To preserve the ability of EEOC to act on your behalf and to protect your right to file a private lawsuit, should you ultimately need to, you should contact EEOC promptly when discrimination is suspected:

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), 1-800-669-4000 (toll-free) or 1-800-669- in all aspects of employment against persons with disabilities who, with or without reasonable 20 (toll-free TTV number for individuals with he ts) FFOC field offic

#### Applicants to and employees of companies with a Federal government contract or subcontract are protected under Federal law from discrimination on the following bases:

### RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN

Executive Order 11246, as amended, prohibits job discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, and requires affirmative action to ensure equality of opportunity in all aspects of employmen

Employers Holding Federal Contracts or Subcontracts

### INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, protects qualified individuals from discriminatio on the basis of disability in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. Disability discrimination includes not making reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability who is an applicant or employee, barring undue hardship. Section 503 also requires that Federal contractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities at all levels of employment, including the executive level

### DISABLED, RECENTLY SEPARATED, OTHER PROTECTED, AND ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEDAL VETERANS

The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, 38 U.S.C. 4212, prohibits job discrimination and requires affirmative action to employ and advance in employment disabled veterans, recently separated veterans (within three years of discharge or release from active duty), other protected veterans (veterans who served during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized), and Armed Forces service medal veterans (veterans who, while on active duty, participated in a U.S. military operation for which an Armed Forces service medal was awarded).

### RETALIATION

Retaliation is prohibited against a person who files a complaint of discrimination, participates in an OFCCP proceeding, or otherwise opposes discrimination under these Federal laws.

Any person who believes a contractor has violated its nondiscrimination or affirmative action obligations under the authorities above should contact immediately

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP), U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210, 1-800-397-6251 (toll-free) or (202) 693-1337 (TTY) OFCCP may also be contacted by e-mail at OFCCP-Public@dol.gov, or by calling an OFCCP regional or district office, listed in most telephone directories under U.S. Government, Department of Labor.

#### Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance RACE. COLOR. NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX

In addition to the protections of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Employment discrimination is covered by Title VI if the primary objective of the financial assistance is provision of employment, or where employment discrimination causes or may cause discrimination in providing services under such programs. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities which receive Federal financial assistance.

### INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of disability in any program or activity which receives Federal financial assistance. Discrimination is prohibited dation, can perform the essential functions of the job.

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Michael A. Mauro, Labor Commissioner		available at www.eeoc.gov. If you believe you have been discriminated against in a program of any institution which receives Federal financial assistance, you should immediately contact the Federal agency providing such assistance.
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