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Donald J. Mares, Executive Director, biography

**State Extended Benefits** The state extended benefits online application is now available. Read [more...](#)

**State Extended Benefits Signed Into Law** State extended benefits (EB) increases the number of weeks of unemployment insurance benefits available for claimants who qualify. Read [more...](#)

**The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)** is an economic Recovery package signed into law by the President. The Recovery Act provides a wide range of benefits and services for people who lose jobs or need more training or support services related to re-entering the workforce. [Learn more...](#)

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**Economic Stimulus Bill Passes** The economic stimulus bill signed into law by President Obama is effective as of 02/22/2009. All claimants eligible for and currently receiving unemployment insurance (UI) benefits will receive:

- **An additional \$25 a week.** The \$25 is added to regular and Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) benefit payments beginning the week ending 02/28/2009. The \$25 is not payable for weeks prior to the week ending 02/28/2009 and will stop when benefits are exhausted.

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**Current Labor Statistics**

Unemployment Rate (SA)  
Colorado: 7.3% (8/09)  
U.S.: 9.7% (8/09)  
Colorado Job Growth (SA)  
Jul. '09 - Aug. '09: - 5,300  
Aug. '08- Aug. '09: - 110,600  
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- **A tax break on the first \$2400 of UI benefit payments received in 2009.** The first \$2400 in benefit payments is not considered income. Claimants are responsible to report and adjust this change to their tax liability at the end of the 2009 income tax year.
- **An extension on deadlines to file and collect EUC benefits.** The stimulus bill extends the date by when claimants can file an EUC claim (12/31/2009) and collect the balance on that claim (05/31/2010).

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For answers to commonly asked questions and information on Extended Unemployment Compensation please check the [Unemployment Insurance Claim Self Service Resource Guide](#).

Visit <http://www.e-colorado.org/> to view the **Basic Facts About Unemployment Insurance video**

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**New Colorado Minimum Wage: \$7.28 per hour** Effective January 1, 2009, learn [more...](#)

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### **Colorado Non-immigrant Agricultural Seasonal Worker Pilot Program**

[Click here to learn more about the program.](#)

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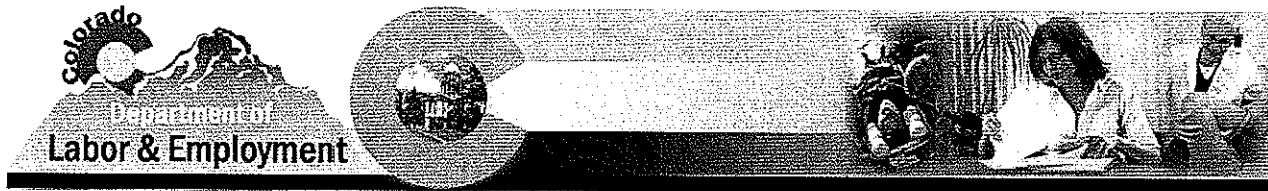
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Colorado is a great place to live and work. At the Department of Labor and Employment, we want to ensure that this continues -- and that means never taking Colorado workers or the businesses that employ them, for granted.

We are committed to both employers and workers by providing an up to date accurate picture of the economy that helps in decision making; by assisting workers who have been injured on the job or lost a job through no fault of their own; by ensuring fair labor practices. And by protecting the work place- and Colorado communities-with a variety of safety programs.

Businesses and workers across the state are providing the intellectual capital, the energy, adaptability and talent that will build Colorado as this century progresses. The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment will be there to help at every step on the journey ahead.  
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## Workers' Compensation

### Injured Worker

#### Frequently Asked Questions:

**NEW! Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding the requirement for all workers on construction sites to have workers' compensation insurance (House Bill 07-1366) – effective October 1, 2007**

- [I have been hurt on the job, what do I do?](#)
- [The insurance company has not responded or has denied my claim. What are my options?](#)
- [Can I choose my own doctor for an on-the-job injury?](#)
- **I have been hurt on the job, what do I do?**

If you experience a life or limb threatening injury on the job, seek immediate medical attention at the nearest emergency room and then notify your supervisor in writing. A life or limb threatening injury means an injury that you believe threatens a portion of your body or your life in such a way that immediate medical care is needed to prevent your death or serious damage. In all other instances, notify your employer or supervisor that you have been injured before obtaining any medical care. All injuries, no matter how small, should be reported to your employer.

If your employer has designated a medical provider before or at the time of the injury, you will be required to see that provider for medical care. If you choose to seek your own medical care it may result in nonpayment of medical benefits and you may be liable for your medical costs. If your employer does not direct you to a medical provider, you may seek treatment from the provider of your choice.

By law, you must notify your employer in writing within four working days of an injury, even if you have advised them verbally. If you do not report your injury to your employer in writing within four working days, you may be penalized and lose up to one day's compensation for each day's delay, provided that your employer has posted a sign requiring four days' written notice. You may still file a claim for benefits even if you are late reporting the injury to your employer.

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- **The insurance company has not responded or has denied my claim. What are my options?**

The insurance company may deny your claim for a variety of reasons. If this happens, you should contact the insurance company adjuster to discuss this decision. Sometimes a claim is denied because the insurance adjuster does not have complete and accurate information.

You may be able to supply important information to assist the process. An insurance company may also deny a claim if the adjuster has reason to believe that the injury is not work related or if it is believed that further investigation is necessary.

If the workers' compensation insurance company denies your claim, you may be responsible for all medical bills associated with the illness or injury. You may then be eligible for coverage through your private health care insurance policy. If you feel your claim has been incorrectly denied, there are several options available to you. For more information on these options and the time limits that must be followed, contact the Division of Workers' Compensation.

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- **Can I choose my own doctor for an on-the-job injury?**

Your employer has the right in the first instance to designate the medical provider that injured employees must use. If your employer does not do so at the time of the injury, you may choose your own medical provider.

After the claim is filed, the insurance company may request that you be examined by another doctor of its choice, at its expense. If you do not go to this examination, the insurance company may ask the Division for permission to stop your benefits.

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