INJURY & ILLNESS PREVENTION MODEL PROGRAM FOR NON-HIGH HAZARD EMPLOYERS

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ABOUT THIS MODEL PROGRAM

Every California employer must establish, implement and maintain a written Injury and Illness Prevention (IIP) Program and a copy must be maintained at each worksite or at a central worksite if the employer has non-fixed worksites. The requirements for establishing, implementing and maintaining an effective written Injury and Illness Prevention Program are contained in Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3203 (T8 CCR 3203) and consist of the following eight elements:

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- Responsibility
- Compliance
- Communication
- Hazard Assessment
- Accident/Exposure Investigation
- Hazard Correction
- Training and Instruction
- Recordkeeping

This model program has been prepared for use by employers in industries which have been determined by Cal/OSHA to be non-high hazard. You are not required to use this program. However, any employer in an industry which has been determined by Cal/OSHA as being non-high hazard who adopts, posts, and implements this model program in good faith is not subject to assessment of a civil penalty for a first violation of T8 CCR 3203.

Proper use of this model program requires the IIP Program administrator of your establishment to carefully review the requirements for each of the eight IIP Program elements found in this model program, fill in the appropriate blank spaces and check those items that are applicable to your workplace. The recordkeeping section requires

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that the IIP Program administrator select and implement the category appropriate for your establishment. Sample forms for hazard assessment and correction, accident/ exposure investigation, and worker training and instruction are provided with this model program.

This model program must be maintained by the employer in order to be effective.

INJURY AND ILLNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM

RESPONSIBILITY

The Injury and Illness Prevention (IIP) Program administrator,

_____

Program Administrator

has the authority and the responsibility for implementing and maintaining this IIP Program for

_____

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Managers and supervisors are responsible for implementing and maintaining the IIP Program in their work areas and for answering worker questions about the IIP Program. A copy of this IIP Program is available from each manager and supervisor.

COMPLIANCE All workers, including managers and supervisors, are responsible for complying with safe and healthful work practices. Our system of ensuring that all workers comply with these practices include one or more of the following checked practices:

_____ Informing workers of the provisions of our IIP Program.
_____ Evaluating the safety performance of all workers.
_____ Recognizing employees who perform safe and healthful work practices.
_____ Providing training to workers whose safety performance is deficient.
_____ Disciplining workers for failure to comply with safe and healthful work practices.

COMMUNICATION

All managers and supervisors are responsible for communicating with all workers about

occupational safety and health in a form readily understandable by all workers. Our communication system encourages all workers to inform their managers and supervisors about workplace hazards without fear of reprisal.

Our communication system includes one or more of the following checked items:

_____ New worker orientation including a discussion of safety and health policies and procedures.
_____ Review of our IIP Program.
_____ Training programs.
_____ Regularly scheduled safety meetings.
_____ Posted or distributed safety information.
_____ A system for workers to anonymously inform management about workplace hazards.
_____ Our establishment has less than ten employees and communicates with and instructs employees orally about general safe work practices and hazards unique to each employee's job assignment.

HAZARD ASSESSMENT

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Periodic inspections to identify and evaluate workplace hazards shall be performed by a competent observer in the following areas of our workplace:

Periodic inspections are performed according to the following schedule:

1. When we initially established our IIP Program;
2. When new substances, processes, procedures or equipment which present potential new hazards are introduced into our workplace;
3. When new, previously unidentified hazards are recognized;
4. When occupational injuries and illnesses occur; and
5. Whenever workplace conditions warrant an inspection.

ACCIDENT/EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS

Procedures for investigating workplace accidents and hazardous substance exposures include:

1. Interviewing injured workers and witnesses;
2. Examining the workplace for factors associated with the accident/exposure;
3. Determining the cause of the accident/exposure;

4. Taking corrective action to prevent the accident/exposure from reoccurring; and
5. Recording the findings and actions taken.

HAZARD CORRECTION

Unsafe or unhealthy work conditions, practices or procedures shall be corrected in a timely manner based on the severity of the hazards. Hazards shall be corrected according to the following procedures:

1. When observed or discovered; and
2. When an imminent hazard exists which cannot be immediately abated without endangering employee(s) and/or property, we will remove all exposed workers from the area except those necessary to correct the existing condition. Workers who are required to correct the hazardous condition shall be provided with the necessary protection.

TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION

All workers, including managers and supervisors, shall have training and instruction on general and job-specific safety and health practices. Training and instruction is provided:

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1. When the IIP Program is first established;
2. To all new workers, except for construction workers who are provided training through a construction industry occupational safety and health training program approved by Cal/OSHA;
3. To all workers given new job assignments for which training has not previously provided;
4. Whenever new substances, processes, procedures or equipment are introduced to the workplace and represent a new hazard;
5. Whenever the employer is made aware of a new or previously unrecognized hazard;
6. To supervisors to familiarize them with the safety and health hazards to which workers under their immediate direction and control may be exposed; and
7. To all workers with respect to hazards specific to each employee's job assignment.

General workplace safety and health practices include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Implementation and maintenance of the IIP Program.

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2. Emergency action and fire prevention plan.
3. Provisions for medical services and first aid including emergency procedures.
4. Prevention of musculoskeletal disorders, including proper lifting techniques.
5. Proper housekeeping, such as keeping stairways and aisles clear, work areas neat and orderly, and promptly cleaning up spills.
6. Prohibiting horseplay, scuffling, or other acts that tend to adversely influence safety.
7. Proper storage to prevent stacking goods in an unstable manner and storing goods against doors, exits, fire extinguishing equipment and electrical panels.
8. Proper reporting of hazards and accidents to supervisors.
9. Hazard communication, including worker awareness of potential chemical hazards, and proper labeling of containers.
10. Proper storage and handling of toxic and hazardous substances including prohibiting eating or storing food and beverages in areas where they can become contaminated.

RECORDKEEPING

We have checked one of the following categories as our recordkeeping policy.

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_____ Category 1. Our establishment has twenty or more workers or has a workers' compensation experience modification rate of greater than 1.1 and is not on a designated low hazard industry list. We have taken the following steps to implement and maintain our IIP Program:

1. Records of hazard assessment inspections, including the person(s) conducting the inspection, the unsafe conditions and work practices that have been identified and the action taken to correct the identified unsafe conditions and work practices, are recorded on a hazard assessment and correction form; and
2. Documentation of safety and health training for each worker, including the worker's name or other identifier, training dates, type(s) of training, and training providers. are recorded on a worker training and instruction form.

   Inspection records and training documentation will be maintained according to the following checked schedule:

   _____ For one year, except for training records of employees who have worked for less than one year which are provided to the employee upon termination of

employment; or

_____ Since we have less than ten workers, including managers and supervisors, we only maintain inspection records until the hazard is corrected and only maintain a log of instructions to workers with respect to worker job assignments when they are first hired or assigned new duties.

_____ Category 2. Our establishment has fewer than twenty workers and is not on a designated high hazard industry list. We are also on a designated low hazard industry list or have a workers' compensation experience modification rate of 1.1 or less, and have taken the following steps to implement and maintain our IIP Program:

1. Records of hazard assessment inspections; and

2. Documentation of safety and health training for each worker.

Inspection records and training documentation will be maintained according to the following checked schedule:

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_____ For one year, except for training records of employees who have worked for less than one year which are provided to the employee upon termination of employment; or

_____ Since we have less than ten workers, including managers and supervisors, we maintain inspection records only until the hazard is corrected and only maintain a log of instructions to workers with respect to worker job assignments when they are first hired or assigned new duties.

_____ Category 3. We are a local governmental entity (county, city, district, or and any public or quasi-public corporation or public agency) and we are not required to keep written records of the steps taken to implement and maintain our IIP Program.

HAZARD ASSESSMENT AND CORRECTION RECORD

Date of Inspection: **Person Conducting Inspection:**

Unsafe Condition or Work Practice:

Corrective Action Taken:

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Unsafe Condition or Work Practice:

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Corrective Action Taken:

ACCIDENT/EXPOSURE INVESTIGATION REPORT

Date & Time of Accident:

Location:

Accident Description:

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Workers Involved:

Preventive Action Recommendations:

Corrective Actions Taken:

Manager Responsible: **Date Completed:**

WORKER TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION RECORD

Worker's Name	Training Dates	Type of Training	Trainers

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