Whistleblower's Protection Act

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Labor Standards

Protection of Employees Who Report or Refuse to Commit Illegal Acts

This poster describes some important parts of the law. A copy of the actual law or formal interpretations may be obtained from the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards by calling (207) 623-7900. (The laws are also on the Bureau's web site.)

Maine Law (Title 26 M.R.S.A. § 839) requires every employer to place this poster in the workplace where workers can easily see it.

This poster is provided at no cost by the Maine Department of Labor and may be copied.

It is illegal for your boss to fire you, threaten you, retaliate against you or treat you differently because:

1. You reported a violation of the law;
2. You are a healthcare worker and you reported a medical error;
3. You reported something that risks someone's health or safety;
4. You have refused to do something that will endanger your life or someone else's life and you have asked your employer to correct it; or
5. You have been involved in an investigation or hearing held by the government.

You are protected by this law ONLY if:

1. You tell your boss about the problem and allow a reasonable time for it to be corrected; or
2. You have good reason to believe that your boss will not correct the problem.

To report a violation, unsafe condition or practice or an illegal act in your workplace, contact:
(This information should be filled in by the employer)

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(Name) **(Title)** **(Location or Phone)**

For more information or to file a complaint under this law, contact:

The Maine Human Rights Commission
51 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Tel: (207) 624-6290
TTY users call Maine Relay 711
www.Maine.gov/mhrc

The following agencies may provide useful information on workplace safety and labor laws:

U.S. Department of Labor
Wage and Hour Division
P.O. Box 554
Portland, Maine 04112
Tel: (207) 780-3344
www. dol.gov

U.S. Department of Labor/OSHA
40 Western Avenue
Augusta, Maine 04330
Tel: (207) 626-9160
www. osha.gov

Maine Department of Labor
Bureau of Labor Standards
45 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0045
(207) 623-7900
TTY users call Maine Relay 711
Web site: www.maine.gov/labor/bls
E-mail: webmaster.bls@maine.gov