

# **Empowering You at Work**

The Delaware Department of Labor's Division of Industrial Affairs is dedicated to ensuring a fair, safe, and respectful work environment for all employees across the state. This guide outlines your rights, the support available, and how you can access the resources you need.

### **Your Rights and Support Services:**

- Workplace Safety: Industrial Affairs conducts safety inspections and offers health consultations to keep your work environment secure.
- Fair Pay: We intervene in disputes over wages and ensure that your work hours and pay comply with legal standards.
- Discrimination and Harassment: If you face workplace discrimination or harassment, we are here to support you through processes that uphold your rights.
- Workers' Compensation: If injured at work, contact the Workers' Compensation Office for guidance on your claim.
- Employment Practices: Receive guidance to ensure fair and safe employment practices within your workplace.

## How to Contact the Right Office:

- **Identify Your Concern:** Determine if your issue relates to wages, workplace safety, discrimination, or workers' comp.
- **Find the Right Office:** Connect with the specific DOL IA office equipped to handle your issue.
- **Get in Touch:** Reach out by phone, email, or online form to receive support.

## **Quick FAQs:**

**Is my inquiry confidential?** Yes, all inquiries are handled with utmost confidentiality.

What if I'm unsure where to start? DOL

IA's customer service can guide you to the appropriate office based on your concerns

### Locations

- Wilmington
- Newark
- Dover
- Georgetown

### **Quick Contact Information:**



PHONE: (302) 761-8200

Don't hesitate to reach out! Your well-being is our priority, and we are just a call or click away. Visit our website or contact us directly for assistance.



# Your Rights and Safety at Work: How We Help

The Division of Industrial Affairs champions workplace justice and safety across Delaware. We are committed to ensuring that all labor laws are followed, providing a safer and fairer work environment for everyone. Here's how the Division of Industrial Affairs supports you:

- Upholding Your Rights: We enforce labor laws to protect your rights at work.
- Safety Inspections and Health Consultations: We conduct inspections and offer consultations to keep your workplace safe.
- Combating Discrimination and Harassment: We address any issues of discrimination and harassment to ensure a respectful work environment.
- Workers' Compensation Support:
   We assist with
   workers' compensation claims to help
   you when
   you're injured at work.
- Resolving Wage Disputes: We intervene in disputes over wages to ensure you are paid fairly.
- Guidance on Employment Practices:
   We provide guidance to help create
   safer and fairer employment practices.

DOL IA is your dedicated resource for a just and secure workplace.



# Contact the Right Office for Your Needs

Each of our offices offer specialized services tailored to meet your needs in the workplace. Here's when and how we can assist you:



# Workers' Compensation Office:

If you've suffered a work-related injury and need guidance on your claim, this office is your first point of contact.



#### **Anti-Discrimination Office:**

Are you facing discrimination or harassment at work? Reach out to us for support and assistance in navigating these challenges.



# Safety & Health Consultation Office:

Concerned about workplace safety? Our office provides free evaluations to ensure your working environment meets health and safety standards.



#### Wage & Hour Office:

If you have concerns about unpaid wages or issues with your work hours not meeting legal standards, we're here to help.



Construction Industry
Enforcement Office: Working
in construction and facing
unsafe conditions or unfair
treatment? Our office
advocates for your right to a fair

and safe work environment.

Human Trafficking Coordination Office: Suspect trafficking activities at your workplace or need assistance with intervention efforts? We're dedicated to preventing and addressing human trafficking.

### **Myths and Realities**

#### **Separating Fact from Fiction**

There are some misconceptions about what the DOL IA can and cannot do for Delaware employees. Let's make things clear:

Myth: DOL IA is only for employers.

**Reality:** DOL IA serves employees by protecting their rights and safety.

**Myth:** Reaching out to DOL IA leads to immediate legal action.

**Reality:** DOL IA first seeks to educate and mediate, aiming for fair resolutions.

**Myth:** Requesting help from DOL IA puts you at risk of being reported to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

**Reality:** Consultations are confidential and aimed at resolving issues without risking your employment or involving immigration enforcement.

**Myth:** Reporting a workplace issue will always lead to confrontation with your employer.

**Reality:** DOL IA promotes a cooperative approach to improve workplace conditions and relations.

**Myth:** DOL IA can provide legal advice to employees.

**Reality:** The OAD assists through the Anti-discrimination Administrative Process but is not authorized to offer legal advice.