



New York State Department of Labor
Required Notice under Article 25-B of the Labor Law

**ATTENTION ALL EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS:
YOU ARE COVERED BY THE
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY FAIR PLAY ACT**

The law says that you are an employee unless:

- You are free from direction and control in performing your job AND
- You perform work that is not part of the usual work done by the business that hired you AND
- You have an independently established business

Your employer cannot consider you to be an independent contractor unless all three of these facts apply to your work.

**IT IS AGAINST THE LAW FOR AN EMPLOYER TO MISCLASSIFY EMPLOYEES AS
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS OR PAY EMPLOYEES OFF THE BOOKS.**

Employee Rights. If you are an employee, you are entitled to state and federal worker protections such as

- unemployment benefits (if unemployed through no fault of your own, able to work, and otherwise qualified)
- workers' compensation benefits for on-the-job injuries
- payment for wages earned, minimum wage, and overtime (under certain conditions)
- prevailing wages on public work projects
- the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act and
- a safe work environment

It is a violation of this law for employers to retaliate against anyone who asserts their rights under the law. Retaliation subjects an employer to civil penalties, a private lawsuit or both.

Independent Contractors: If you are an independent contractor:

You must pay all taxes required by New York State and Federal Law.

Penalties for paying off the books or improperly treating employees as independent contractors:

- **Civil Penalty** First Offense: up to \$2,500 per employee.
 Subsequent Offense(s): up to \$5,000 per employee.
- **Criminal Penalty** First Offense: Misdemeanor - up to 30 days in jail, up to a \$25,000 fine and debarment from performing Public Work for up to one year.
 Subsequent Offense(s): Misdemeanor - up to 60 days in jail, up to a \$50,000 fine and debarment from performing Public Work for up to 5 years.

If you have questions about your employment status or believe that your employer may have violated your rights and you want to file a complaint, call the Department of Labor at 1(866)435-1499 or send an email to dol.misclassified@labor.state.ny.us. All complaints of fraud and violations are taken seriously and you can remain anonymous.

Employer Name: