Associated Claims Administrators

Dear Employer:

Associated Claims Administrators (ACA) will be administering your Workers' Compensation claims on behalf of National Liability & Fire Insurance Company and in partnership with North American Risk Services (NARS).

ACA and NARS professionals are experienced in Workers' Compensation Law. Please feel free to call our office with any questions you may have regarding your Workers' Compensation concerns.

Early involvement in a claim is important. It is not only cost effective for you, but it also can help the injured employee get proper medical care and return to work as soon as possible. We look forward to working with you to accomplish these goals.

You, the employer, are a vital part of making this happen and listed below are some things you can do:

- Report all work related injuries as soon as you are aware of them. Our toll-free fax number is 1-800-988-4722.
- You may report all work-related injuries by email at claims@acaworkcomp.com, or call 1-800-388-6268 for assistance reporting a claim.

After reporting your claim, you can contact NARS at 1-800-315-6090 for further assistance with your claim including:

- Refer all medical authorization requests to NARS.
- Communicate with your employee and NARS throughout the claim.
- Have some light duty work available for restricted duty.
- Advise NARS when the employee returns to work.

Please keep copies of the attached forms to have on hand if needed.

We look forward to a long and pleasant working relationship with you and your employees.

Please call anytime between 7:00am and 5:00pm Central Time, Monday through Friday if you have any questions regarding Workers' Compensation claims procedures.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Associated Claims Administrators

DWC FORM-001
(Employer's First Report of Injury or Illness)

The **employer** is required to file an **Employer's First Report of Injury or Illness** [DWC FORM-001 Rev. 10/05] with the injured worker's insurance carrier, and the injured claimant or the claimant's representative within 8 days after the employee's absence from work or receipt of notice of occupational disease.

The **Employer's First Report of Injury or Illness** provides information on the claimant, employer, insurance carrier and medical practitioner necessary to begin the claims process. Details of the claimant's employment and circumstances surrounding the injury or illness are also requested.

Send the specified copies to your **Workers' Compensation Insurance Carrier** and the injured employee. ***Employers - Do not send this form to the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation, unless the Division specifically requests a direct filing.**

[Workers' Compensation Rule 120.2]

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EMPLOYERS FIRST REPORT OF INJURY OR ILLNESS (DWC FORM-001)

Type (or print in black ink) each item on this form. Failure to complete each item may delay the processing of the injury claim.

Section 409.005, Texas Workers' Compensation Act, requires an Employer's First Report of Injury or Illness (DWC FORM-001 Rev. 10/05 to be filed with the Workers' Compensation Insurance Carrier not later than the eighth day after the receipt of notice of occupational disease, or the employee's first day of absence from work due to injury or death. A copy of this report must be sent to the employee or the employee's representative. For purposes of this section, a report is filed when personally delivered, or postmarked. Send the specified copies to your **Workers' Compensation Insurance Carrier** and the injured employee. ***Employers - Do not send this form to the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation, unless the Division specifically requests a direct filing.**

If a report has not been received by the carrier, the employer has the burden of proving that the report was filed within the required time frame. The employer has the burden of proving that good cause existed if the employer failed to file the report on time.

An employer who fails to file the report without good cause may be assessed an administrative penalty. An employer who fails to file the report without good cause waives the right to reimbursement of voluntary benefits even if no administrative penalty is assessed.

Once the employer has completed all information pertaining to the injury the employer should maintain the copy of this report to serve as the Employer's Record of Injury required by Section 409.006. Send the specified copies to your **Workers' Compensation Insurance Carrier** and the injured employee. ***Employers - Do not send this form to the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation, unless the Division specifically requests a direct filing.** The Division's Health and Safety will use data from this report for the Job Safety Information System established in Section 411.032 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act.

This report may not be considered admission or evidence against the employer or the insurance carrier in any proceeding before the Division or a court in which facts set out in the report are contradicted by the employer or insurance carrier.

"SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTAIN ITEMS"

Items 2,7,8:	Section 402.082, Texas Workers' Compensation Act requires the Division to maintain information as to the race, ethnicity and sex on every compensable injury. This information will be maintained for non-discriminatory statistical use.
Item 4:	If no home phone, please provide a phone number where the employee can be reached.
Items 5,15,17, 26,29,30:	Enter data in month, day, year format. Example: 08-13-54.
Item 18:	List nature of accident or exposure, e.g., fall from scaffold, contact with radiation, etc. If occupational disease, so state.
Item 19:	List specific body part, e.g., chin, right leg, forehead, left upper arm, etc. If more than one body part is affected, list each part.
Item 20:	Describe in detail (1) the events leading up to the injury/illness, (2) the actual injury, e.g., cut left forearm, broken right foot, etc., and (3) the reason(s) why accident/injury occurred. Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.
Item 22:	State the exact work-site location of the injury, e.g., construction site, office area, storage area, etc.
Item 24:	List object, substance, or exposure that directly inflicted the injury or illness, e.g., floor, hammer, chemicals, etc.
Items 32,33:	Enter date in month-year format. Example: 02-56.
Item 37:	Enter the number of days or hours that make up a full work week for your employees.
Item 45:	Enter the 6-digit North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code of the employer. The primary code is the code which appears in block 5 of Form C-3, "Employer's Quarterly Report" to the Texas Workforce Commission.
Item 46:	For companies with a single NAICS code, the specific code is the same as the primary code. For companies with multiple NAICS codes, enter the code that identifies the specific business, activity, or work-site location the employee was working in at the time of the injury. This may or may not be the same as the primary code.

Send the specified copies to your
Workers' Compensation Insurance Carrier
and the injured employee.

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Unless the Division specifically requests a direct filling.

CLAIM # _____

CARRIER'S CLAIM # _____

EMPLOYERS FIRST REPORT OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

1. Name (Last, First, M.I.)		2. Sex F ☐ M ☐	15. Date of Injury (m-d-y) - -	16. Time of Injury : am ☐ pm ☐	17. Date Lost Time Began (m-d-y) - -
3. Social Security Number - -	4. Home Phone ( )	5. Date of Birth (m-d-y) - -	18. Nature of Injury*	19. Part of Body Injured or Exposed*	
6. Does the Employee Speak English? YES ☐ NO ☐ If No, Specify Language			20. How and Why Injury/Illness Occurred*		
7. Race White ☐ Black ☐ Asian ☐	8. Ethnicity Hispanic ☐ Native American ☐ Other ☐		21. Was employee doing his regular job? YES ☐ NO ☐	22. Worksite Location of Injury (stairs, dock, etc.)*	
9. Mailing Address Street or P.O. Box			23. Address Where Injury or Exposure Occurred Name of business if incident occurred on a business site		
City	State	Zip Code County	Street or P.O. Box	County	
10. Marital Status Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Separated ☐ Single ☐ Divorced ☐			City	State	Zip Code
11. Number of Dependent Children	12. Spouse's Name		24. Cause of Injury(fall, tool, machine, etc.)*		
13. Doctor's Name			25. List Witnesses		
14. Doctor's Mailing Address (Street or P.O.Box)			26. Return to work date/or expected (m-d-y) - -	27. Did employee die? YES ☐ NO ☐	28. Supervisor's Name / 29. Date Reported (m-d-y) - -
City	State	Zip Code			

30. Date of Hire (m-d-y) - -	31. Was employee hired or recruited in Texas? YES ☐ NO ☐	32. Length of Service in Current Position Months _____ Years _____	33. Length of Service in Occupation Months _____ Years _____
34. Employee Payroll Classification Code	35. Occupation of Injured Worker		
36. Rate of Pay at this Job $_____Hourly $_____Weekly	37. Full Work Week is: _____ Hours _____ Days	38. Last Paycheck was: $_____ for ___ Hours or _____ Days	39. Is employee an Owner, Partner, or Corporate Officer? YES ☐ NO ☐

40. Name and Title of Person Completing Form		41. Name of Business	
42. Business Mailing Address and Telephone Number Street or P.O. Box Telephone ( )		43. Business Location (If different from mailing address) Number and Street	
City	State Zip Code	City	State Zip Code
44. Federal Tax Identification Number	45. Primary North American Industry Classification System Code:(6 digit)	46. Specific NAICS Code (6 digit)	47. Texas Comptroller Taxpayer No.
48. Workers' Compensation Insurance Company		49. Policy Number	

50. Did you request accident prevention services in past 12 months?
YES ☐ NO ☐ If yes, did you receive them? YES ☐ NO ☐

51. Signature and Title (READ INSTRUCTIONS ON INSTRUCTION SHEET BEFORE SIGNING)
X _____ Date _____

Send to workers' compensation carrier:

_____

(Name and fax number of carrier)

CLAIM # _____

CARRIER'S CLAIM # _____

☐ Initial ☐ Amended

EMPLOYER'S WAGE STATEMENT (DWC Form-003)

The Texas Workers' Compensation Act and Workers' Compensation rules require an employer to provide an Employer's Wage Statement to its workers' compensation insurance carrier (carrier) and the claimant or the claimant's representative, if any. The purpose of the form is to provide the employee's wage information to the carrier for calculating the employee's Average Weekly Wage (AWW) to establish benefits due to the employee or a beneficiary.

The AWW is based on the wages the employee earned in the 13 weeks immediately preceding the date of injury (or the wage a similar employee earned if the employee did not work the full 13-week period). "Wages" include all forms of remuneration payable to an employee for personal services, including fringe benefits. To simplify filing, employers may file wages in a monthly, biweekly, or weekly manner as discussed below.

NOTE - An employer who fails without good cause to timely file a complete wage statement as required by the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Texas Labor Code, Section 408.063(c) and Worker's Compensation Rule 120.4 may be assessed an administrative penalty.

The employer shall timely file a complete wage statement in the form and manner prescribed by the Division.

(1) The wage statement shall be filed ("filed" means received) with the carrier, the claimant, and the claimant's representative (if any) within 30 days of the earliest of:

(A) the employee's eighth day of disability;
(B) the date the employer is notified that the employee is entitled to income benefits;
(C) the date of the employee's death as a result of a compensable injury.

(2) The wage statement shall also be filed with the Division within seven days of receiving a request from the Division (Only When Requested).

(3) A subsequent wage statement shall be filed with the carrier, employee, and the employee's representative (if any) within seven days if any information contained on the previous wage statement changes (such as if the employer discontinues providing a nonpecuniary wage that was initially continued after the date of injury).

All applicable DWC rules can be found at http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/

EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Employee's Name (Last, First, M.I.):	Employer's Business Name:
Employee's Mailing Address (Street or P.O. Box):	Employer's Mailing Address (Street or P.O. Box):
City: State: ZIP Code:	City: State: ZIP Code:
Social Security Number: xxx-xx-	Federal Tax I.D. Number:
Date of Hire: Date of Injury:	Name and Phone # of Person Providing Wage Information:

☐ As of today's date, the employee is not back at work. **OR**
☐ The employee returned to work on _____ and is working:
- ☐ without restriction. **OR**
- ☐ with restrictions and is earning wages of $_____ per week/month (circle one).

NOTE – Rule 120.3 requires the employer file the Supplemental Report of Injury (DWC FORM-6) to report changes in Work Status and Post-Injury Earnings.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT this wage statement is complete, accurate, and complies with the Texas Workers' Compensation Act and applicable rules, and the listed wages include all pecuniary and nonpecuniary wages paid for (earned in) the 13 weeks prior to the date of injury (as described on page 2) and I understand that making a misrepresentation about a workers' compensation claim is a crime that can result in fines and/or imprisonment.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

EMPLOYMENT STATUS AT TIME OF INJURY (Check All That Apply)

☐ **Full-time:** employee who regularly works at least 30 hours per week and whose schedule is comparable to other employees of the company and/or other employees in the same business or vicinity who are considered full-time.

☐ **Seasonal:** employee who as regular course of conduct engages in seasonal or cyclical employment that may or may not be agricultural in nature and that does not continue throughout the year.

☐ **Part-time: Regular Course of Conduct:** employee whose work history for the 12-month period preceding the injury shows the person only worked part-time during that period.

☐ **Part-time: Not Regular Course of Conduct:** employee whose work history for the 12-month period preceding the injury shows part-time and full time work during that period.

☐ **Apprentice:** employee who is learning a skilled trade or art by practical experience under the direction of a skilled crafts person or artisan.

☐ **Minor:** employee less than 18 years of age and not emancipated by marriage or judicial action who is also an apprentice, trainee or student.

☐ **Student:** employee enrolled in a course of study in high school, college or other institute of higher education or technical training.

☐ **Trainee:** employee undergoing systematic instruction and practice in some art, trade or profession with a view towards proficiency in it.

SAME OR SIMILAR EMPLOYEE?

The wage information on this form is for:

☐ **The Injured Employee OR** ☐ **A Similar Employee** (NOTE – If requested by the Division, the employer shall identify the similar employee whose wages were provided.)

If the employee was not employed for 13 continuous weeks before the date of injury, report the wages of an employee who has training, experience, skills & wages comparable to the injured employee AND who performs services/tasks comparable in nature and in number of hours. **If no similar employee exists, report the limited available wages earned by the injured employee prior to the injury.**

NOTE TO INJURED EMPLOYEE – If you were injured on or after 7/1/02, and had employment with more than one employer on the date of injury, you can provide your insurance carrier with wage information from your other employment for the carrier to include in your AWW and this may affect your benefits. Contact your carrier for additional information or call the Division at (800) 252-7031. You can also read rule 122.5 at http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/

WAGE INFORMATION INSTRUCTIONS

Employee Name: Social Security #: Date of Injury:

- The employer shall report all wages **earned in the 13 weeks immediately preceding the date of injury.** If the employee is paid on a monthly or semi-monthly basis, the employer may provide wages for the 3 months preceding the date of injury. Monthly wages may also be converted to weekly wages by dividing the gross monthly amount by 4.34821. If the employee is paid on a biweekly basis, the employer may provide the wages for the 14 weeks preceding the date of injury. When setting the periods to report, the employer may adjust the reporting period backward slightly (up to six days) to line up the reporting timeframes with the employer's natural pay cycle. **However, the employer shall not report wages earned on or after the date of injury.**

- If reporting weekly earnings, use all 13 Period Columns below. If reporting 3 months of earnings, either convert the wages to weekly earnings or use the first 3 Period Columns. If reporting 14 weeks of biweekly earnings, use the first 7 Period Columns. **In all cases, indicate the dates that each period covers.**

PECUNIARY WAGE INFORMATION

Pecuniary Wages include all wages that are paid to the employee in the form of money. These include, but are not limited to: hourly, weekly, biweekly, monthly, etc. wages; salary; tips/gratuities; piecework compensation; monetary allowances; bonuses; and commissions. Earnings are reported in the periods they are earned, NOT when they are paid and some (such as bonuses and commissions) need to be prorated. Pecuniary wages don't include payments made by an employer to reimburse the employee for the use of the employee's equipment or for paying helpers or to reimburse for travel expenses. Consider as earnings amounts from paid holidays and any vacation, personal or sick leave an employee used but not the market value of leave time earned but not used.

PERIOD # (Week #, Month #, or Bi-Week #)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
FROM DATE:														
TO DATE:														TOTALS
# HOURS WORKED:														
GROSS WAGES EARNED:														

NONPECUNIARY WAGE INFORMATION

Nonpecuniary Wages include all wages paid to the employee in a form other than money. These include, but are not limited to, the benefits listed below but do not include monetary allowances or stipends paid **to allow the employee to purchase the benefits**.

Nonpecuniary Wage Type	Employer Provided Prior To Injury?		Specify Value Or Amount Earned in Each Reported Period For Each Benefit Provided Prior To Injury (Use the same periods as used above)													Will Employer Continue To Provide?		Date Benefit Suspended (if suspended)
	YES	NO	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	YES	NO	
Health Insurance																		
Laundry/ Cleaning																		
Clothing/ Uniforms																		
Lodging/ Housing/																		
Food/ Meals																		
Vehicle/ Fuel																		
Other																		

NOTE: With few exceptions, you are entitled on request to be informed about the information that TDI-DWC collects about you. Under §§552.021 and 552.023 of the Government Code, you are entitled to receive and review the information. Under §559.004 of the Government Code you are entitled to have TDI-DWC correct information about you that is incorrect. For more information, call the local TDI-DWC field office at 800-252-7031.