# Small Business Ombudsman's Office for Workers' Compensation

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Department of Consumer and Business Services

## Small Business Ombudsman

Position created in 1990

Workers' compensation resource for businesses of all sizes

Independent and confidential

Resource to connect businesses with other areas of state and local government

### **Commonly Asked Questions**

## Do I need to buy workers' compensation insurance?

## How do I buy workers' compensation insurance?

Can you help with a dispute with my workers' compensation insurer? How do I appeal my workers' compensation premium audit?

What is a test audit, and am I required to participate?

Who is NCCI?

I received a noncomplying employer (NCE) penalty. Can you help me?



#### **Moving Forward**



New Assistant Small Business Ombudsman: Julie Stratton

#### Retirements: Dave Waki

#### MLAC requests: 801 video in progress



Outreach for the remainder of 2024 and 2025 Create more publications and user guides Continue to grow our relationships with stakeholders



### Small Business Ombudsman Team

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