



Hepatitis C

*Know the facts,
NOT the fears.*

Q: What should I know about hepatitis C in the workplace?

Know that hepatitis C CANNOT be easily transmitted in the workplace. It is not spread through toilets, water fountains, office equipment or casual contact.

Know that hepatitis C is spread through direct contact with infected blood. Examples are needle-sharing, blood transfusions received before 1992 or contaminated tattoo needles.

Know that persons with hepatitis C may be protected under the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Know that hepatitis C may qualify a worker for unpaid leave under the Family Medical Leave Act.

Q: Should I worry that my employee has hepatitis C?

NO –An employee with hepatitis C does NOT pose a threat to the health and safety of co-workers.

NO one should discriminate against, harass, or fire someone because of hepatitis C. Discrimination and harassment, even indirect or unintentional, are against the law.

NO one should ask an employee if he or she has hepatitis C.

NO one should share medical information about someone who has hepatitis C.

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