



STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Educational Information

Determining Workers' Compensation Coverage for Sole Proprietors and Partners Engaged in the Non-Construction Industry

The purpose of this notice is to assist and educate the public who may consider doing business with sole proprietors and partners engaged in the non-construction industry.

Section 440.02 of Florida's Workers' Compensation law defines an employer and an employee. The type of work the employer is conducting and the number of employees working for the employer determines whether the employer is required to obtain workers' compensation insurance.

A sole proprietor or partner engaged in the non-construction industry who employs three or fewer full or part-time employees, is NOT required to obtain workers' compensation coverage. In addition, the sole proprietor or partner engaged in the non-construction industry is NOT included in the employee count for determining whether the non-construction business is required to obtain workers' compensation coverage.

However, if the sole proprietor or partner engages in a construction-related activity as defined in subsection 440.02(8), Florida Statutes, or in Rule 69L-6.021, Florida Administrative Code, the business must comply with the workers' compensation coverage requirements for the construction industry.

This notice does not apply to a corporate officer as defined in subsection 440.02(9), Florida Statutes.

This notice is not intended to establish independent contractor status as defined in subsection 440.02(15), Florida Statutes.

If you have any questions, please call (850) 413-1609. To learn more about Florida's workers' compensation coverage requirements, visit the Division of Workers' Compensation's website at www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/wc/.