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### **Alaska Workers Comp Issues \$22,200 Fine**

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Workers' Compensation Division has fined the Winters Company, Inc. \$22,200 for not providing workers compensation for its employees. Winters is a Delaware corporation based in Missouri that provides janitorial services for movie theaters.

A Winters employee working as a janitor for Regal Cinemas in Anchorage was seriously injured in January while on the job. Acting on information received from the Alaska Workers' Compensation Division Special Investigations Unit, the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board found that Winters was financially responsible for medical expenses and temporary total disability payments to the injured employee.

The Board also fined Winters \$22,200 for being an uninsured employer in the State of Alaska. Alaska law requires all employers to cover their employees with workers compensation insurance. The Alaska Workers' Compensation Act defines an employer as an individual or corporation that employs one or more persons in connection with a business within Alaska. Failure to maintain workers compensation insurance may result in penalties of up to \$1,000 for each employee for each day the employer is uninsured.

Anyone with knowledge about uninsured employers can call the Special Investigations Fraud Hotline at 1-888-372-8330.

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