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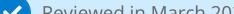


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Your employer says they have to lay you off or asks you to work fewer hours "until things pick up." Learn your rights if you're temporarily laid off from work.

This information applies to British Columbia, Canada



### **Alert!**

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, many BC workers are being temporarily laid off. Emergency financial support is available, including for those who remain jobattached but earn no more than \$1,000 per month. We unpack these emergency benefits for workers. See our <u>3-minute summary</u>.

## Reviewed in March 2020 ① Time to read: 5 minutes

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## What you should know

- Employers can only lay off workers in limited circumstances
- The law limits the length of any layoff
- If your employer reduces your hours

## Work out the problem

- Step 1. Tell your employer you don't consent to the layoff
- Step 2. Make an employment standards complaint

### **Common questions**

- My employer laid me off. What should I do?
- What if my contract says I can be laid off?

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## Who can help



Legal advice







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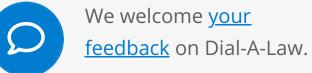
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