Oregon has a special law about unemployment benefits for workers who are victims of domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault or who have family members who are victims.

**You cannot be disqualified from receiving unemployment benefits or be considered unavailable for work if:**

- You had to quit an Oregon job because you, or a member of your immediate family is, or could be, a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking **and**

- You left work to protect yourself or your family member from domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking your reasonably believed would happen **if you stayed at your job** **or**

- You are getting unemployment benefits but cannot apply for work or accept a job in order to protect yourself or your family member from domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking you reasonably believe will happen if you accept work.

**How do you apply for benefits?**

Apply for unemployment compensation benefits at your local employment office or make an application on-line at www.oregon.gov/employ. **Be sure to explain why staying at your job, applying for work, or accepting work puts you in danger of further harm.**

- If you are denied benefits, request a hearing within 20 days of your denial decision.

**For more information:** Call the Public Benefits Hotline (1-800-520-5292) or your local Legal Aid Services Office for possible advice or representation. Go to www.oregonlawhelp.org for a directory of legal aid programs.