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### **Labor Commission Releases Five-Language Instructional DVD – “Workplace Safety for Refugees”**

SALT LAKE CITY – Utah welcomes approximately 1,100 newly arrived refugees and approximately 1,000 second migration refugees each year, currently it is estimated that 25,000-30,000 refugees are living in Utah representing over 20 different refugee communities. One approach to addressing workplace safety concerns for refugees is to provide them with an opportunity to learn concepts in their own language, specifically related to safe workplace practices.

The Utah Labor Commission Workplace Safety Program has produced a workplace safety video in the hopes that a reduction in job-related accidents will take place, and that programs such as this will provide a much needed educational opportunity for refugees to learn about their roles, responsibilities and rights regarding workplace safety.

Our key partners in this production were the Utah Refugee Coalition (URC), a local non-profit organization comprised of refugee communities created to connect its membership to local resources and Reel Advocacy, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing professional media with inspired storytelling for nonprofits. Reel Media was responsible for the video production and editing of this DVD.

Free DVD copies of “*Workplace Safety for Refugees*” are available by contacting Elena Bensor, Public Information /Community Relations Officer (801) 530-6918 or [elenabensor@utah.gov](mailto:elenabensor@utah.gov). In addition, the program can also be streamed directly from our website at: <http://laborcommission.utah.gov/media/video/videoEn.html>

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