southwest women's law center

PREGNANT + BREASTFEEDING WORKER RIGHTS

NM HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

Employers with four (4) or more employees are **required to grant a reasonable accommodation for needs arising from pregnancy** as long as it does not create an undue hardship for the employer, meaning the accommodation would be too expensive or difficult.





ACCOMMODATIONS

Can include:

- Keeping water at workstations
- Extra bathroom breaks
- Time off for appointments

NMSA 1978, SECTION 28-20-2 (AMENDED



2007)

Requires employers to provide a clean, private place near the employee's workspace, that is **not a bathroom**, for employees who are breastfeeding to pump. It also requires that the employee be given breaks to express milk but does not require that they be paid for this time.



NMSA 28-20-1 (1999)

Permits a mother to breastfeed her child, public or private, where the mother is otherwise authorized to be.

