

● **PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (*SANITATION FOR AGRICULTURAL AND MIGRANT FARM WORKERS*)**

*STATUTORY CITATION:* Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-36

*RELATED REGULATIONS:* Conn. Agencies Regs. §§ 19-13-B53 and 19-13-B54

*GENERAL SUMMARY:* The state public health laws authorize the Commissioner of Public Health to establish a public health code, to include, among other provisions, field sanitation and safety protections for agricultural workers and migratory farm laborers.

*SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS:* The following standards apply to all agricultural workplaces in the state of Connecticut.

**DRINKING WATER** — Employers are required to make drinking water readily available to agricultural field and shed workers, in covered containers with sanitary drinking fountains or with individual paper cups. Drinking water must be obtained from a public water supply or from an approved source of ground water. No common drinking cups are allowed.

**HANDWASHING FACILITIES** — Potable water for handwashing must be available to all field and shed workers.

**TOILET FACILITIES** — Portable toilets or permanent privies, readily accessible and in adequate numbers, must be provided for the use of agricultural workers. There must be separate, clearly marked facilities for men and women. Each unit must be equipped with an inside-latching door and must be well lighted, ventilated and maintained. Toilet paper must be supplied by the employer.

**FIRST AID** — Standard first-aid kits must be kept in every shed where work is in progress and must be readily available to shed workers.

***ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT***

**PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY** — *Environmental Health Section, Regulatory Services Branch, Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut 06134 (860-509-7293)*. In response to a complaint or on its own initiative, representatives of the Department are authorized to inspect worksites to determine if sanitation facilities are being provided as required.

**SECONDARY OR ASSOCIATED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY** — *None*.