

○ **GENERAL LABOR LAWS (*WORKPLACE SAFETY*)**

STATUTORY CITATION: Ga. Code §§ 34-2-1 – 34-2-14

GENERAL SUMMARY: Chapter 2 of the state labor laws contains a broad requirement that certain employers — generally those with 8 or more employees — furnish employment reasonably safe for their employees, adopt and use methods and processes reasonably adequate to make the job and workplace safe, and do everything reasonably necessary to protect the life, health, safety and welfare of their employees. Covered employers are subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both such penalties for violation of or refusal to comply with these provisions.

PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO AGRICULTURE: The general obligation to provide safe employment **does not apply** to agricultural employers.

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — *Georgia Department of Labor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.*

SECONDARY OR ASSOCIATED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — *None.*