

## ■ STATE AGRICULTURAL SAFETY LAW

**TERMS:** In addition to enforcing the worker protection standards prescribed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (*see entry, U.S. — Pesticides & Agricultural Chemicals — Field Worker Safety Standards*), the state agriculture department has adopted additional rules regulating the safety and health of workers exposed to pesticides.

**Pesticide Safety Information** — Farm operators are required to provide their field workers with certain safety information before the workers enter a field where pesticides have been applied or a restricted-entry interval has been in effect within the last 30 days. The information must include the identity of the pesticides involved, as well as how workers may prevent exposure by (1) following directions or signs, (2) washing hands, (3) using protective clothing, (4) bathing after work, (5) washing work clothes, and (6) following emergency procedures in the event of spills or other over-exposure.

**Pesticide Safety Training** — Farm employers must provide safety training to each worker who enters a pesticide-treated area. Instruction must be provided in a language easily understood by the worker and must cover (1) pesticide hazards and effects, (2) common symptoms of pesticide poisoning, (3) emergency first aid for pesticide injuries or poisoning, and (4) the requirements related to pesticide application and entry restrictions and posting of warnings. An official training verification card must be issued to each worker who completes the training.

**Notifications** — A farm operator that utilizes the services of a farm labor contractor must notify the contractor of the restrictions on entering a pesticide-treated area, if the area is within 1/4 mile of where workers will be working and the treated area is not posted as required or allowed under federal regulations. The contractor, in turn, is required to notify the workers regarding the identity of the pesticide product used, the date and time the product was or will be applied, and the product's restricted-entry interval.

**ENFORCEMENT:** *Environmental Services Division, Arizona Department of Agriculture, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 (602-542-3578).*

**SPECIAL NOTE:** A person may not fire, discipline or discriminate against a worker because the worker has filed a complaint or made use of any other right granted by this law.