

■ **PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS (*ACCESS TO MIGRANT HOUSING*)**

TERMS:

**Right of Access by Invited Guests** — A resident of a migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing (both defined in the previous summary) may decide who may visit him or her in the resident's private living quarters. No one may keep an invited guest from entering or leaving a resident's private living quarters, by putting up any sort of barrier or by use of force, violence or threats. However, an invited guest must leave the private living quarters at the request of a resident residing within the same living quarters.

**Right of Access by Others** — No one may keep other authorized visitors from entering or leaving the common areas of a migrant housing facility, by putting up any sort of barrier or by use of force, violence or threats. However, owners and operators of migrant housing facilities may adopt reasonable rules regulating hours of access, as long as they permit at least 4 hours of access each day during non-working hours Monday through Saturday, and between 12 noon and 8:00 p.m. on Sunday.

**Other Rules** — Migrant housing owners or operators may adopt other rules regulating access, but only if they are reasonably related to the purpose of promoting the safety, welfare or security of the residents, visitors, or the owner or operator's business. However, rules relating to access are not enforceable unless they have been posted at the housing facility, with a copy submitted to the *Migrant Farmworker Housing Program, Environmental Health Division, Florida Department of Health, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 (850-245-4250)*.

**ENFORCEMENT:** A person who has been denied access to a migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing in apparent violation of these provisions may file a complaint in the appropriate court in the county where the housing is located, using a private attorney or public legal service provider.