

FIELDWORKERS

Employees Working in a Treated Field

Are you working in a treated field?

“Treated field” means a field that has been treated with a pesticide or had a restricted entry interval or entry restricted period in effect within the last 30 days.

A treated field includes associated roads, paths, ditches, borders, and headlands, if the pesticide was also directed to those areas. A treated field does not include areas inadvertently contaminated by drift or over spray.

- ◆ The employer shall assure that each employee assigned to work in a treated field has been trained within the last 12 months, in a manner the employee understands, before beginning work in the treated field.
- ◆ The information shall be presented in a manner the employee can understand, orally from written materials or audio visually, using nontechnical terms in a location reasonably free from distraction. The trainer shall be present throughout the training and shall respond to employee questions.
- ◆ The record of initial and annually required training given to the employee must include the date; employee's printed name and signature; the title(s) and source(s) of the training materials used; employer's name; and trainer's name and qualifications as specified.
- ◆ This record shall be retained by the employer for two years at a central location at the workplace accessible to employees. The record must be provided to the employee upon request.

The person conducting the training shall be qualified as one of the following:

1. A California certified applicator;
2. A person holding any other valid license or certificate of personal pesticide qualification issued by the department;
3. A person who has completed an “instructor training” program presented by one of the following:
 - (A) The University of California, Integrated Pest Management Program;
 - (B) Other instructor training program approved by the director;
4. A California Registered Professional Forester;
5. A person holding a valid County Biologist License in Pesticide Regulation or Investigation and Environmental Monitoring issued by the California Department of Food and Agriculture;
6. A University of California Extension Advisor; or
7. Other valid trainer qualification approved by the director.

Reference 3 CCR section 6764.

QUESTIONS?

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