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First Aid & Medical – Sanitation

Jobsite sanitation is important to your health. Good clean drinking water, toilets, food services, and washing facilities are all regulated by OSHA. Of all the requirements, drinking water and toilets are probably the most important issues.

Drinking water – Drinking water must be available at all construction sites no matter how many employees are working. The following requirements are a must for drinking water:

- It must be clean and drinkable.
- A common drinking cup is prohibited. Water cannot be dipped from containers.
- Portable water containers must be sealable and have a tap.
- When using “one serving” disposable cups, a sanitary unused cup and a used cup container must be provided.

Non-drinking water – If you have non-drinking water at your job-sites it must be clearly marked by signs to indicate it is unsafe and not to be used for drinking, washing, or cooking.

Toilets at construction sites – Toilets must be provided for employees in the following numbers: 20 workers or less – 1; 20 workers or more – 1 toilet seat and 1 urinal per 40 workers; 200 or more workers – 1 toilet seat and 1 urinal per 50 workers. Under temporary field conditions, not less than one toilet must be available.

Other sanitation requirements

Other sanitation requirements, depending on your work situation, can include:

Adequate **washing facilities** for painting, coating, working with herbicides or insecticides, or other operations where contaminants may harm you must be provided. The facilities must be near the worksite.

Lavatories must be made available in all places of employment. This does not apply to mobile crews or to normally unattended work locations if employees working at these locations have transportation to nearby washing facilities that have: (1) hot and cold or tepid running water, (2) hand soap or similar cleansing agents, and (3) individual hand towels or sections of hand towels of cloth or paper, warm air blowers, or clean individual sections of continuous cloth toweling.

Whenever **showers** are required by a particular standard, they must meet the requirements of the OSHA regulations.

Every enclosed workplace must be constructed, equipped, and maintained, as far as reasonably practical, to prevent entry or harborage of **rodents, insects, and other vermin**.

Jobsite sanitation is critical to your health and well being. All kinds of diseases can be present around drinking and toilet facilities. See what you can do today to help keep your worksite sanitary.