

## Workplace Health and Safety Queensland

*Fact sheet – Rural industry*

## 2. Workplace amenities

Part 21 of the *Workplace Health and Safety Regulation 2008* requires that a minimum standard of amenities and first aid be provided by an employer at a rural industry workplace.

### Meal areas

A sheltered area to eat meals and take other breaks must be provided for use by workers.

Examples of sheltered areas are:

- tent attached to a vehicle
- caravan, or
- tractor or harvester cabin.

### Drinking water

Workers must have reasonable access to a clean supply of drinking water that is:

- not more than 15 degrees in temperature, and
- not located in a room used as a toilet.

If the drinking water is supplied in a container, the water must be able to be consumed without the workers having to share the same container.

### Hand washing and drying facilities

Workers must have access to:

- adequate clean water, soap or other suitable cleansing agent, for workers to wash their hands, and
- facilities to dry their hands, such as hand towels, paper towels, mechanical hand drying devices.

One supply of water may be made available for both drinking and hand washing.

### Toilets

One toilet must be provided for every 15 workers at the workplace. It should be:

- located near the workplace, or able to be accessed by available transport, and
- if used by female workers, equipped with facilities to dispose of female sanitary products.

### First aid

Workers must have reasonable access to first aid equipment that is appropriate and adequate for the work undertaken. The employer must ensure the first aid equipment is maintained in a hygienic, safe and serviceable condition and, if practicable, a person with first aid training is available to treat an injured worker.

Further guidance about first aid may be found in the fact sheet *1. Workplace incidents/procedures*.

Employers must ensure the amenities outlined above are:

- maintained in a clean, tidy and serviceable condition, and
- kept free of any accumulation or deposit of material, and of any obstruction or hazard likely to adversely affect a person's health and safety.

### More information

Further information is available from [www.worksafe.qld.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au) or by calling the Workplace Health and Safety Infoline on 1300 369 915.

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