

Housing: Your Rights as a Farm Worker

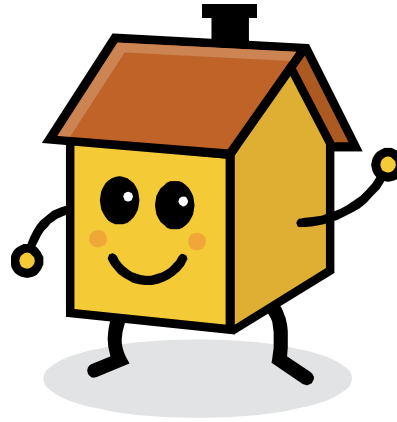
What type of housing does my employer need to provide?

Farm Worker **housing or camps** provided by an employer must meet standards set by state and federal law. Labor camps must be inspected and certified before workers move in. Inspection certificates should be posted where you can read them.

Camps must have:

- Adequate **toilet** facilities (one per fifteen residents)
- safe **water** for drinking, bathing and laundry
- proper **heating** equipment for cold weather
- one **shower** with cold and hot running water for every ten persons
- at least **50 square feet** of space **per person** in the **sleeping area**
- proper doors, screens and windows
- **cooking** and food storage facilities
- no rats or mice around
- one **stove** for each ten persons
- garbage disposal

There are many other important housing standards.



Should I call legal services for help?

If an employer houses you in dirty, dangerous, or inadequate camps by an employer, call **Columbia Legal Services** or the **Northwest Justice Project Farm Worker Unit**.

Labor camp housing is your home. You have a right to have visitors at your camp. If visitors are denied entry to see you, contact **Columbia Legal Services** or the **Northwest Justice Project Farm Worker Unit**.

If an employer providing housing threatens to evict you, you may need legal help. No one can physically force you to leave your home or labor camp without a signed order from a judge. Before you can be taken to court for eviction, you have a right to reasonable notice of when you will be expected to move. An employer must have a court order to make you leave. You have a right to a court hearing before eviction. Call the **Northwest Justice Project Farm Worker Unit** or **Columbia Legal Services** with eviction questions.

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