

**STANDARDS PRESENTATION
TO
CALIFORNIA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS BOARD**

PROPOSED STATE STANDARD,
TITLE 8, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 4

Amend Section 1524 to read:

1524. Water Supply.

(a) Potable Water.

(1) An adequate supply of potable drinking water shall be provided in all places of employment.

Note: Additional requirements for the provision of drinking water in outdoor places of employment are contained in Section 3395.

(2) Portable containers used to dispense drinking water to more than one person shall be equipped with a faucet or drinking fountain. Drinking water containers shall be capable of being tightly closed and shall be otherwise designed, constructed and serviced so that sanitary conditions are maintained. Water shall not be dipped from containers.

(3) Any container used to store or dispense drinking water shall be clearly marked as to the nature of its contents and shall not be used for any other purpose.

(4) ~~Where drinking fountains are not provided, single service cups (to be used but once) shall be supplied.~~ The employer shall take one or more of the following steps to ensure every employee has access to drinking water:

A. Provide drinking fountains,

B. Supply single-service cups,

C. Supply sealed one-time use water containers, or

D. Ensure re-usable, closable, personally identifiable containers are available for individual employee use.

(5) Where single-service cups are supplied, a sanitary container for the unused cups and a receptacle for disposing of the used cups shall be provided. Where sealed one-time use water containers are supplied, a receptacle for disposing of the used containers shall be provided.

(6) Only one individual employee shall drink water from an individual cup or container.

EXCEPTION: Containers having a drinking fountain or faucet, and cups or containers that are effectively cleansed and sterilized between consecutive users may be used by more than one employee.

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NOTE: Authority cited: Section 142.3, Labor Code. Reference: Section 142.3, Labor Code