

Chapter 4 – Regulatory Issues

Workers' Compensation Insurance

If you have employees, you must carry Workers' Compensation insurance at your expense. The Arizona Industrial Commission administers Workers' Compensation insurance. The purpose of the insurance is to provide medical benefits and compensation to covered employees injured in work-related accidents.

You may choose to insure your employees through the State Compensation Fund by insuring with an authorized insurance carrier or by qualifying with the Arizona Industrial Commission as a self-insurer.

Workers' Compensation Fund

3030 N. 3rd St.

Phoenix, AZ 85012

Phone: 602-631-2300

Website: www.copperpoint.com

Industrial Commission of Arizona (ICA)

800 W. Washington St.

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Phone: 605-542-4411

Website: www.azica.gov

The scope of ICA includes, the Workers' Compensation system, occupation safety and health issues, compliance responsibilities for your employment laws, resolution of wage disputes under \$2,500, vocational rehabilitation and licensing of Workers' Compensation pools.

Environmental Codes and Services

Mesa Fire Department

The Mesa Fire Department is responsible for ensuring compliance with local fire codes by local businesses. Fire Code Compliance is achieved in two ways:

- Through the review of construction or development plans. Questions regarding this process should be directed to the Fire Plans Examiner located in Building Permits and Inspections. The Plans Examiner's hotline number is 480-644-4273.

- Through an ongoing business inspection program performed by the Mesa Fire Prevention Office. For questions concerning these inspections and codes requirements call 480-644-2622.

Maricopa County Environmental Services Department

1001 N. Central Ave., Suite 200

Phoenix, AZ 85004

Phone: 602-506-6623

Website: www.maricopa.gov/envsvc

Environmental Health Division

1001 N. Central Ave., suite 300

Phoenix, AZ 85004

Phone: 602-506-6984

Website: www.maricopa.gov/envsvc/envhealth

If you are opening a restaurant, or any other type of establishment that serves food and drink, an Eating and Drinking Permit is required from the Maricopa County Environmental Health Department. Your business also must comply with Maricopa County rules and regulations established for food handlers and food facilities.

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (AZDEQ)

1110 W. Washington St.

Phoenix, AZ 95007

Phone: 602-771-2300, 1-800-234-5677

Website: www.azdeq.gov

AZDEQ has a special program to ensure small businesses compliance with environmental rules and regulations. It is designed to relieve concern in dealing with a state regulatory agency for answers to environmental questions.

Mesa's Environmental & Sustainability Office

LOCATION

55 N. Center St.

Mesa, AZ 85201

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Website: www.mesaaz.gov/environ

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PO Box 1466

Mesa, AZ 85211

This office is responsible for ensuring compliance with local ordinances related to storm water pollution prevention and air quality. Staff is available to provide guidance and compliance assistance with local environmental ordinances and to help coordinate the resolution of other environmental issues, including but not limited to air quality and hazardous materials. Information regarding the Storm Water Notice of Intent also can be obtained from this office.