



A GUIDE TO MINNESOTA'S

# CHILD LABOR STANDARDS ACT

## PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF CHILD LABOR STANDARDS ACT

An employer that fails to comply with provisions of the Minnesota Child Labor Standards Act will be subject to penalties under Minnesota Statutes §181A.12.

Penalties range in amount from \$250 to \$5,000 for each violation.

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## MINORS UNDER 16 MAY NOT WORK STATE LAW (all employers)

- Before 7 a.m. or after 9 p.m. with the exception of a newspaper carrier
- For more than 40 hours a week or more than eight hours per 24-hour period, except in agricultural operations
- During school hours on school days without an employment certificate issued by the appropriate school officials

## FEDERAL LAW (employers with annual sales or revenue of \$500,000 or more)

- During the school year:
  - later than 7 p.m.;
  - more than three hours a day; or
  - more than 18 hours a week.

## 16- and 17-YEAR OLDS MAY NOT WORK STATE LAW (all employers)

- Later than 11 p.m. on evenings before school days or before 5 a.m. on school days. With written permission from a parent or guardian, these hours may be expanded to 11:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m.

**Note:** If employers are covered by state and federal requirements, both laws must be followed.



## PROHIBITED OCCUPATIONS FOR MINORS

Minors are prohibited from working in the following capacities:

- serving liquor;
- working with hazardous materials such as explosives;
- operating power-driven machinery, including motor vehicles; and
- on or about construction sites.

A detailed list of prohibited work for minors can be found in Minnesota Rules 5200.0910 and 5200.0920.

## EXCEPTIONS TO PROHIBITED OCCUPATIONS MAY EXIST FOR:

17-year-old high school graduates and minors employed by a business that is solely owned and daily supervised by the minor's parents.

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## MINIMUM AGE

A minor younger than 14 years of age **may not be employed**, except:

- as a newspaper carrier, if at least 11 years of age;
- in agriculture, if at least 12 years of age and with parent or guardian consent;
- as an actor or model; or
- as a youth athletic program referee, if at least 11 years of age and with parent or guardian consent.



## PROOF OF AGE

A minor's proof of age **must** be maintained as part of the payroll records.

Acceptable proof is one of the following: a copy of a birth certificate; a copy of a driver's license or permit; an age certificate issued by the school; or an I-9.