

Pesticide Safety Information

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Safety Rules for Pesticide Handlers in Non-Agricultural Settings

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This leaflet, the pesticide label, and your training, tell you about pesticide dangers at work. Your supervisor must know and help you learn about the pesticides you will use, how to safely use them, and how to protect yourself. Pesticides are chemicals that are used to kill insects, weeds, germs and plant diseases. **Fertilizers are not pesticides.**

Your employer must make plans for emergency medical care before you start working with pesticides. If you think that pesticides made you sick or hurt you at work, he must make sure that you are taken to the doctor right away. You do not have to pay for medical care if you get sick or hurt from pesticides at work.

Emergency medical care is available at

WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

You have the right to know the following about pesticides that have been used where you work

- when and where the pesticide was applied
- name of the pesticide
- the EPA registration number

When you are trained your supervisor must tell you where all this information is kept. You have the right to look at Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and records for all pesticides used where you work. The MSDS tells you about the pesticide and its dangers.

If you think that pesticides have made you sick at work, your supervisor must make sure that you are taken to the doctor immediately.

EMPLOYERS: This is the hazard communication leaflet. Fill in the blank lines in this leaflet and display this handout at the employees' work site.

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