

PESTICIDE POISONING

Must physicians report suspected or confirmed cases of pesticide poisoning?

Yes. Cases or suspected cases of pesticide poisoning are notifiable conditions which physicians must report to the state Department of Health.¹ See **NOTIFIABLE CONDITIONS**.

How is pesticide poisoning defined?

Pesticide poisoning means the any disturbance of function, structural damage, or illness in a human which is the result of inhalation, absorption, ingestion of, or contact with any pesticide.²

When must pesticide poisoning be reported?

Hospitalized, fatal, or cluster cases of pesticide poisoning must be reported immediately to the state Department of Health. All other confirmed or suspected pesticide poisoning cases must be reported within three working days of diagnosis to the Department of Health.³ See **NOTIFIABLE CONDITIONS**.

Are there penalties for failing to comply with the pesticide poisoning reporting requirements?

Yes. Failure to report cases or suspected cases of pesticide poisoning to the Department of Health may subject the physician to disciplinary action.⁴ No civil liability, however, may result from failure to file a report or for filing a report.

¹ WAC 246-101-101.

² WAC 246-101-010(35).

³ WAC 246-101-101.

⁴ RCW 70.104.055(5).