



Pesticide Illness Reporting for Health Care Providers

WHO SHOULD REPORT?

Physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and their representatives

HOW TO REPORT (3 OPTIONS):

1. Call the local health officer or designated county contact.

For list of phone numbers see <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/pesticides/pdf/pestnums.pdf>

2. Fax or mail a report to local health officer

You may use one of the following forms:

PIR: Confidential Report of Known or Suspected Pesticide-Related Illness

CMR: Confidential Morbidity Report

DFR: Doctor's First Report of Occupational Injury or Illness

3. Call California Poison Control System at 1-800-411-8080

For requesting help with pesticide toxicology information and medical management. Center staff will offer to report on your behalf to your local health officer.

WHEN TO REPORT:

Within **24** hours

WHAT TO REPORT:

- ◆ Demographics of affected person;
- ◆ Initial examination information, diagnostics and treatment of affected person;
- ◆ Exposure details, especially county of exposure;
- ◆ Health care provider or facility contact information.

WHY REPORT?

- ◆ Initiates county and state field investigations
- ◆ Identifies problem pesticides
- ◆ Satisfies requirement of California law

CONFIDENTIALITY:

Reporting of pesticide illness does not violate HIPAA or state laws.

PROVIDER TRAINING RESOURCES WITH CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

- ◆ On-line course on the Recognition, Management and Reporting of Pesticide Illnesses visit <https://www.mededpesticide.org/>
- ◆ On-site one-hour presentations on pesticide illness recognition, diagnosis, and reporting.

For more information call the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment at (916) 327-7319 or visit our website at <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/pesticides.htm>

Public's Guide to Pesticide-Related Illness and Injury



IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS YOU BELIEVE WERE CAUSED BY EXPOSURE TO PESTICIDES (INCLUDING HOUSEHOLD DISINFECTANTS AND SANITIZERS):

- ◆ For emergencies or serious illness, call 911 for help;
- ◆ Have someone take you to a doctor or hospital or call the California Poison Control System at 1-800-222-1222;
- ◆ Have the pesticide label or container, MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet), or name of the pesticide with you;
- ◆ Remove any pesticides from your skin by removing contaminated clothing and showering; and
- ◆ Remind your health care provider to report the illness or injury to their local health department.

WHAT SHOULD YOU LOOK FOR IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE A PESTICIDE-RELATED ILLNESS OR INJURY?

- ◆ Mild symptoms: headache, rash, flu-like symptoms, eye irritation or redness.
- ◆ More severe symptoms: difficulty breathing, burns or blistering, shaking, tremors, blurred vision, eye injuries.

WHO IS AT RISK?

- ◆ Workers involved in mixing, loading, applying pesticides; pesticide production and reformulation. Field workers re-entering treated fields without proper protection.
- ◆ Persons improperly or frequently using pesticides at home.
- ◆ Children at home where pesticides are used or stored improperly. Persons exposed to off-site pesticide drift.

WHY SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION?

- ◆ Health care providers can provide more effective treatment if they know you work with pesticides or have used pesticides recently
- ◆ When providers report the illnesses, the information helps county and state officials identify problem pesticides and use violations and improve workplace safety.

CONFIDENTIALITY:

Your personal health information will remain confidential.

For additional pesticide information call the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment at (916) 327-7319 or the Department of Pesticide Regulation at (916) 445-4222.

Guía para el Público de Enfermedades y Lesiones Relacionadas con Pesticidas



SI USTED TIENE SINTOMAS QUE CREE HAN SIDO CAUSADOS POR EXPOSICION A PESTICIDAS (INCLUYENDO DESINFECTANTES CASEROS Y ESTERILIZANTES):

- ◆ Para emergencias o enfermedades serias, llame al 911
- ◆ Pídale a alguien que lo lleve al doctor o al hospital o llame al sistema de control de venenos al 1-800-222-1222
- ◆ Tenga con usted la etiqueta o el paquete del pesticida, la lista de datos de seguridad del material, o el nombre del pesticida
- ◆ Remueva cualquier pesticida de su piel quitándose la ropa contaminada y duchándose; y
- ◆ Recuérdelo a un profesional de la salud que reporte la enfermedad o lesiones a su departamento local de salud.

¿EN QUE ME DEBO FIJAR SI SOSPECHO QUE TENGO UNA ENFERMEDAD O LESIÓN RELACIONADA CON PESTICIDAS?

- ◆ Síntomas leves: dolor de cabeza, salpullido, síntomas parecidos al flu (influenza)
- ◆ Síntomas más severos: dificultad para respirar, quemaduras o ampollas, escalofrío, tremulaciones, visión borrosa,

¿QUIEN ESTA EN RIESGO?

- ◆ Trabajadores que mezclan, cargan y aplican pesticidas; producción y reformulación de pesticidas. Trabajadores del campo que regresan a los sembríos sin protección después de que el campo ha sido roceado con pesticidas
- ◆ Personas que usan pesticidas en casa inapropiadamente o con frecuencia
- ◆ Niños en casas donde los pesticidas son usados o guardados inapropiadamente. Personas expuestas indirectamente a pesticidas provenientes de otro lugar

¿PORQUE DEBE BUSCAR ATENCION MEDICA?

- ◆ Profesionales de la salud pueden darle tratamiento efectivo si ellos saben que usted trabaja o ha usado pesticidas recientemente.
- ◆ Cuando los proveedores reportan enfermedades, la información ayude al condado y a oficiales estatales a identificar pesticidas problemáticos y violaciones en el uso de pesticidas. Estos reportes mejoran la seguridad en los lugares de trabajo.

CONFIDENCIALIDAD:

- ◆ Su información de salud personal permanecerá confidencial.

Para más información llame a la Oficina de Asesoría de Peligro a la Salud Ambiental al (916) 327-7319 o al Departamento de Regulations Pesticidas al (916) 445-4222.