

PESTICIDE SAFETY TRAINING SESSION TOPICS

The following information must be provided to both **Agricultural Workers** and **Pesticide Handlers** during Worker Protection Standard training.

- Where and in what form pesticides may be encountered during work activities
 - Hazards from chemigation, drift, and pesticide residue on clothing
 - Routes through which pesticides enter the body.
 - The hazards of pesticides resulting from toxicity and exposure including acute effects, chronic effects, delayed effects and increased sensitivity.
 - Signs and symptoms of common types of pesticide poisoning.
 - Emergency first aid for pesticide injuries or poisonings.
 - How to obtain emergency medical care.
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- Routine and emergency decontamination procedures, including emergency eye flushing techniques.
 - Prevention, recognition and first aid treatment of heat-related illness.
 - Warning about taking home pesticides or pesticide containers.
 - Additional requirements designed to reduce the risks of illness or injury resulting from workers' occupational exposure to pesticides, including application and entry restrictions, posting of warning signs, oral warning, the provision and availability of specific information about applications, protection against retaliatory acts, and the design of the field posting (REI) sign.
 - How violations may be reported to the Arizona Department of Agriculture, including providing the Department's toll-free pesticide hotline telephone number. The Pesticide Hotline number is 800-423-8876.

In addition to the topics listed above, **Pesticide Handlers** must also receive information on the following:

- The format and meaning of information on pesticide labels and in labeling including safety information such as precautionary statements about human health hazards.
- Need for and appropriate use of personal protective equipment.
- Safety requirements of handling, transporting, storing and disposing of pesticides, including general procedures for spill cleanup.
- Environmental impacts such as drift, runoff and wildlife hazards.
- An explanation of the Worker Protection Standard requirements that handler employers must follow for the protection of handlers and others, including the prohibition against applying pesticides in a manner that will cause contact with workers or others persons, the requirement to use personal protective equipment, the provision for training and decontamination and the protection against retaliatory acts.