Are your patients at risk for pesticide poisoning?

### Occupational Exposure
- Manufacturing
- Mixing and Loading
- Application
- Crop Residues

### Environmental Exposure
- Accidents
- Home and Garden
- Poisonings

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**Reporting Acute Pesticide-Related Illness and Injury**

**The Physician’s Responsibility Under State Public Health Law**

Occupational Surveillance Unit
Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology Branch
N.C. DHHS, Division of Public Health
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Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1912
TEL: 1-800-200-7090
919-707-5900
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Who Should Report?

North Carolina 10A NCAC 41F.0101 - 0.0103 requires physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants to report any confirmed or suspected cases of acute pesticide-related illness and injury.

What Must Be Reported?

The Commission for Health Services has declared that confirmed or suspected cases of acute pesticide-related illness and injury be reported.

The reports must include:

- The name, address, telephone number, date of birth, race, ethnicity, gender, and occupation of the affected person.
- The physical location of the affected person at the time of exposure to the pesticide (such as workplace, home, yard, school, etc.). Include address and phone number.
- The name of the pesticide if known (product name and EPA Registration No. if possible).
- The name, address, and telephone number of the physician or medical facility submitting the report.

To review the details of the mandatory reporting rule go to www.ncdhhs.gov. Click P for pesticides under topic index.

When To Report?

The named conditions must be reported:

- Immediately if conditions result in death;
- Otherwise, within 48 hours of diagnosis.

How To Report?

3 Options:

- **Call the Carolinas Poison Center (CPC) at 1-800-222-1222, Option 5.** This option was created to save time and paperwork for health care providers. CPC operates 24/7, can collect all required information, and provides guidance on pesticide toxicology and medical management upon request; or
- **Fax or mail** a report form to the Occupational Surveillance Unit, Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology Branch, N.C. Division of Public Health, MSC 1912, Raleigh, NC 27699-1912, Fax: 919-870-4810; or
- **Call us** at 1-800-200-7090 or 919-707-5900.

Reporting Forms are available at our website: www.ncdhhs.gov. Click P for pesticides under topic index. Or call 919-707-5900.

Confidentiality

Patients’ names are confidential and are not released without consent. Only aggregate information is provided to the public.

Why Report?

Pesticide use is widespread and potentially unhealthy for adults and children when products are not used as directed. The Pesticide Illness and Injury Surveillance Program monitors acute pesticide-related illness and injury. Receiving information from physicians is an important first step in the surveillance process. Reporting ensures that incidents are recorded and it enhances prevention of pesticide-related illnesses and injuries. When the program learns about your patient, we can offer resources to prevent further exposure. Your reports also help Public Health to initiate investigations to identify factors contributing to hazardous exposures and to then make recommendations about safe handling practices. Through collaboration, we can help protect the health of those who live and work in our state.

For More Information

Contact:

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Clinical Management Resources

To speak with experts regarding pesticide toxicology and clinical management:

Carolinas Poison Center (CPC) 1-800-222-1222: request assistance. CPC has trained professionals to answer questions about pesticide toxicology and recommended treatment 24 hours a day.

National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) 1-800-858-7378: An EPA-funded resource that provides information on pesticide toxicology and product-specific information; http://npic.orst.edu.

N.C. Division of Public Health (DPH) Call and speak with a DPH toxicologist or medical epidemiologist (MD) at 919-707-5900.

References and Training:


See our website for current continuing education offerings.

Patient teaching tools:

Environmental Protection Agency: www.epa.gov/oppfead1/Publications/catalog or call 1-800-490-9198.