

CONCERNED ABOUT A PESTICIDE APPLICATION?

What to do. Who to call.



Improper use of pesticides in a home, on the farm, or in a forest can harm people. Acute pesticide exposure can cause skin, eye, and respiratory tract irritation and damage.

If exposed or concerned, take these important actions:

1 Get help.

If someone is sick or injured, call:

- The Oregon Poison Control Center: 1.800.222.1222. Open all day, every day.
- 911 if an emergency response is needed.
- Your health care provider. Be sure to mention the law requires health care providers report the exposure to the local health department.

2 Leave the area.

For your health and safety if the pesticide release is outdoors, shut all windows and doors, turn off AC/ HVAC systems and leave the area. If indoors, leave the house or building. Either way, take pets with you if you can.

3 Wash off the pesticide.

If your skin or hair was exposed to droplets or dust particles, shower and wash the pesticide off as soon as possible.

4 Write down key information, including:

- The time and place of possible exposure.
- Weather conditions, including wind direction.
- Health symptoms, including when they began.
- Your estimated distance from the pesticide release.
- Any other details that will help investigators.

5 Report it.

Oregon's Pesticide Analytical and Response Center (PARC) will make sure your concern reaches the agencies with the needed expertise and authority, and will help coordinate the response. Several agencies may work together to investigate the incident.

Contacting PARC

503.986.6470, or toll-free: 1.844.688.7272 | parc@oda.state.or.us

PARC is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. PARC will return your call, and contact the appropriate agency or agencies, within one business day. Staff from the agencies will investigate to determine what happened. The law provides for fines or other actions if there are violations.



PARC

Pesticide Analytical and Response Center



For more information:

National Pesticide Information Center

For facts on pesticides and related topics:

- 1.800.858.7378
- npic@ace.orst.edu
- www.npic.orst.edu

Pesticide Exposure Safety and Tracking Program, Oregon Public Health Division

For information about pesticides and public health:

- 971.673.0400
- pesticides.health@state.or.us
- www.healthoregon.org/pesticide
(Safety brochures, links and other online information)