

## A Checklist for Accident Prevention

### Store your pesticides safely!

- | Yes                      | No                       |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have a separate space to store pesticides?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you keep the space locked? Are the windows locked, barred or boarded over?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you keep all your pesticides in this storage rather than in the garage, feed room, basement, porch, kitchen or refrigerator? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you store herbicides separately from other pesticides?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are there signs on your storage to warn fire fighters and others?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you check periodically for leaking containers?   |

### Keep the original container so the label is there!

- | Yes                      | No                       |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you always keep pesticides in the original container, not in old bottles, milk cartons or other food containers? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | When people ask you for a little spray mix out of your tank do you refuse?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you always mark what you put in an unlabeled container?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If using an unlabeled container, do you always attach the safety precautions, antidotes and directions for use?     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you safely dispose of unlabeled pesticides, rather than take a chance with your memory?                          |

### Use recommended clothing and protective equipment!

- | Yes                      | No                       |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you read the label to see what protective clothing to wear?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you start each spraying day with clean spray clothing?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you check the signal words and precautions on the label to see what protective equipment is necessary? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you wear the protective equipment recommended on the label?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you clean and maintain your protective equipment regularly and often?                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you throwaway rubber gloves that have tiny holes in them?  |

### Spills and splashes of concentrates can be very hazardous!

- | Yes                      | No                       |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you know what to do if you spill a pesticide on yourself while mixing?                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you wear adequate footgear, with your pant cuffs on the outside, so pesticides won't run into your footgear? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have sawdust, vermiculite, kitty litter or some other absorbent on hand to soak up spills?               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you always watch your sprayer tank when filling so it won't run over and spill on the ground?                |

- Do you have a check valve or other device on your equipment to prevent back-siphoning into the water supply?
- Is your application equipment maintained well so it doesn't leak and leave toxic puddles or piles of pesticide on the ground?
- Do you avoid draining leftover spray mix on the ground?
- Do you discard old high-pressure hose instead of patching it and hoping no one will be nearby when it bursts?
- Do you clean nozzles with a brush, or by rinsing, instead of blowing them out with your mouth?

**Poor container disposal may cause serious accidents!**

- | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you rinse each "empty" liquid container at least three times and dump the rinsewater into the tank?                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you keep used containers in your storage area until disposal?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you collect containers for disposal before leaving a job, instead of leaving them in the field or at your tank filling station?          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you puncture, break or crush nonburnable containers so they can't be reused?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you keep or return to the manufacturer 30- and 55-gallon pesticide drums, rather than giving them away for floats, trash barrels, etc. ? |

**Attractive nuisances can result in lawsuits!**

- | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you keep spray equipment where children cannot play on it?                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you keep spray equipment clean so anyone who touches it will not be contaminated?              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you always release pressure on your equipment so spray guns won't be accidentally triggered? . |

**Care in application prevents accidents!**

- | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you check the wind direction and the area downwind before applying pesticides?                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you consider substituting a safer chemical if you are spraying near a sensitive area?                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you check for the possibility of rain showers and damaging runoff before applying pesticides?                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you plan your pesticide application so it will have little or no effect on bees, birds, fish or other wildlife?    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you remove, turn over or cover up pet dishes, sand boxes, plastic pools, etc., before spraying a private property? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you make sure that children and pets are out of the area and stay out until the spray dries?                       |