

Worker Protection Standard

Worker Protection Standard aims to reduce pesticide poisonings and injuries among agricultural workers and pesticide handlers.

EPA
Requirement

Handlers

Those who:
 -mix, load, or apply agriculture pesticides;
 -clean or repair pesticide application equipment; or
 -assist with the application of pesticides



Workers

Those who are employed to perform tasks related to growing & harvesting plants on farms or in greenhouses, nurseries, or forests.

Compliance

Employers are responsible for compliance.

Owners & Immediate family members of family-owned farms are exempt from many of the WPS requirements.

- Required to provide annual pesticide safety training.
- Provide access to information regarding pesticide applications on the establishment, Safety Data Sheets, & Pesticide Safety information including emergency information.
- Provide decontamination supplies.



Employers

- Implement restricted-entry intervals & keep people out of fields (oral warnings or visible warning signs)
- Implement protections for early entry by workers.
- Monitor handlers & application of pesticides.
- Provide specific instructions and pesticide labels to handlers.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)



- Provide required PPE
- Ensure PPE is worn correctly
- Provide a clean place to store personal items and for removing PPE.
- Care for & maintain PPE.
- Replace respirator purifying elements.
- Dispose of contaminated PPE.
- Provide instructions for people who clean PPE.