### To Report a Pesticide Exposure:

Call **PARC** at (503) 731-4025 (*Monday-Friday*, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm)



For Emergency Help: Call your doctor or Oregon Poison Control 1-800-452-7165

## Also available from PARC

- This brochure in Spanish
- Information posters (English/Spanish)
- What You Should Know About Pest Control In Your Home

## **PARC Member Agencies**

Department of Agriculture Department of Environmental Quality Department of Fish and Wildlife Department of Forestry Occupational Safety & Health Division Oregon Health Division Oregon Poison Center State Fire Marshal's Office

For more information, visit the **PARC** website: www.ohd.hr.state.or.us/eoe/parc/welcome.htm

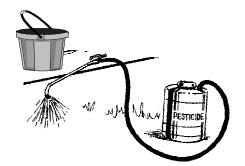
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OREGON PESTICIDE ANALYTICAL AND RESPONSE CENTER (PARC)

# WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE EXPOSED TO PESTICIDES



## If you are Exposed to Pesticide

### **Immediately:**

- 1. Stop contact with the pesticide!
- 2. Wash off any residue and change clothes if pesticide is on your skin or clothes.

## If you become sick:

1. See your doctor or go to an urgent care facility.

You can also call the Oregon Poison Center for help at 1-800-452-7165.

2. Have the label (or at least the full name) of the pesticide to help diagnosis and treatment

Some pesticides are more harmful than others. Be sure you know what you were exposed to, for how long, and where it came from.

Pesticide can enter the body through:

- contact with skin
- swallowing
- breathing

Pesticide: any agent used to kill pests. Insecticide for insects Herbicide for weeds/plants Rodenticide for rats & mice Chemicals to control moss, mold and fungus

## What can PARC do for You?

PARC is the State of Oregon's center for pesticide incident response. Information is confidential.

### *Investigate*

If there was a pesticide spill or misuse, PARC will coordinate investigation by up to 8 state agencies. PARC will not release your name without permission. If a referral is requested, appropriate agencies will be contacted. Each agency has its own expertise and responsibilities: for example, the Department of Agriculture licenses commercial pest control operators and enforces the pesticide label.

## Consult with your doctor

PARC has a toxicologist and other experts to help you and your doctor. Most doctors aren't familiar with pesticide poisoning; we give information about testing and treatment to match the exposure.

### Provide clean-up and intervention information

PARC can give advice on cleaning up pesticide contamination to help limit possible exposure. Also PARC can suggest ways to prevent future problems, such as safer pesticide handling, or product choice.

## Make policy recommendations

PARC keeps track of problems with pesticides to identify any pattern. When one is found, PARC may make a recommendation, to a state agency or a private group.



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### For questions about applicator licensing or product registration

Call the Oregon Department of Agriculture at (503) 986-4635 (Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm)

#### For general pesticide information

Call National Pesticide Information Line (NPTN) at 1-800-858-7378 (7 days a week, 6:30 am - 4:30 pm)



