

Reporting Occupational Pesticide Exposure in Texas is the LAW

Reporting helps prevent and control
pesticide poisoning

Pesticide Exposure Surveillance in Texas (PEST)
includes exposure to the following:

- disinfectants
- rodenticides
- fumigants
- herbicides
- insecticides
- repellents



Report* Acute Occupational Pesticide Exposure

Interview Tips for Pesticide Exposures:

- **Occupational Exposure:** Identify occupation, length of time at job, hazards at workplace (e.g., pesticides, disinfectants), and use of personal protective equipment.
- **Environment:** Are pesticides (e.g., bug or weed killers, flea and tick sprays, pet collars, powders, disinfectants, bleach) used in the home, garden or on a pet?
- **Pediatric Patient:** Determine occupation of household members, whether anyone in the family works with hazardous materials, if these materials may have been brought home. Assess storage practices and use of household and garden pesticide products.

*Texas law requires healthcare providers to report suspected work-related pesticide exposure.

TO REPORT: Call the DSHS PEST Program at
1-800-588-1248 or you may fax a report form to **512-458-7169**

To download a report form:

www.dshs.state.tx.us/epitox/pestrptfrm.pdf

PESTICIDE RESOURCES FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Texas Poison Control Network 1-800-222-1222

Recognition and Management of Pesticide Poisoning, 5th Ed. 1999

www.epa.gov/oppfead1/safety/healthcare/handbook/handbook.htm



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