



Pesticide Regulations, Rules and Rules-of-Thumb **Checklists and Other Aids for Selecting and Using Pesticides**

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WPS Requirements for Agricultural Workers

Refer to the *Quick Reference* in the EPA Worker Protection Standard *How-To-Comply* manual for WPS requirements.

An agricultural worker is anyone who works for salary, wages, or other compensation and who is doing tasks, such as harvesting, weeding, or watering, related to production of agricultural plants on a farm, forest, nursery or greenhouse. Pesticide safety training for agricultural workers is required when workers enter a field or area where a restricted entry interval (REI) for a pesticide has been in effect within the last 30 days. Training is also required if workers must perform early re-entry tasks.

- G** Information at a central location (WPS safety poster, application list, location of emergency medical facility)
- G** Pesticide safety training for workers
 - The content of worker training must include:
 - G** where and in what form pesticides may be encountered during work activities;
 - G** hazards resulting from toxicity and exposure, including acute and chronic effects, delayed effects, and sensitization;
 - G** exposure routes;
 - G** signs and symptoms of common pesticide poisoning;
 - G** first aid for pesticide poisonings;
 - G** how to obtain emergency medical care;
 - G** routine and emergency decontamination procedures;
 - G** hazards from chemigation and drift;
 - G** hazards from pesticide residues on clothing;
 - G** warnings about taking pesticides or their containers home;
 - G** requirements of the WPS designed to reduce the risks of illness or injury resulting from workers's occupational exposure to pesticides, including:
 - application and entry restrictions, design of the warning sign, posting of warning signs, oral warnings, availability of specific information about applications, and protection against retaliatory acts

- G Decontamination sites (water, soap, towels, etc.)
- G Emergency assistance (transportation and information)
- G Restrictions during applications (do not allow workers in area)
- G Special application restrictions in nurseries
- G Special application restrictions in greenhouses
- G Restrictions during restricted-entry intervals (and limitations on early entry)
- G Notice about applications (oral warnings and treated area posting)

Worker Protection Standard information including the restricted-entry interval, posting requirements, if any, and personal protective equipment are listed on the label in the section marked **Agricultural Use Requirements**.