



WPS REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL PESTICIDE HANDLER EMPLOYERS (Chapter 5)

- Ensure handlers are a minimum of 18 years old.
- Complete WPS handler training before conducting handler tasks.
- Keep records of WPS handler training and provide record to handlers if requested.
- Provide handler with training/instruction on safe operation of pesticide equipment and all application equipment is inspected daily for leaks, etc. and repaired if necessary.
- Read to, or inform, handlers of pesticide label statements related to human hazards, first aid & safety, in a manner they can understand.
- Have pesticide label available to handler at all times during application.
- Provide tasks and instructions to handler supervisors to ensure compliance with WPS requirements.
- Ensure supervisors give directions to handlers for WPS compliance.
- Provide information (Information Exchange) to agricultural employer (customer) prior to application.
- Give your handler the information about treated areas that the agricultural employer (customer) provided to the CPHE (Information exchange).
- Ensure handlers do not work on pesticide equipment without receiving handler training (ensure any individual not directly employed receives information on pesticides before using, cleaning, repairing, etc. pesticide equipment).
- Provide clean PPE in operating condition to handlers.
- Only exceptions to handler PPE are those allowed by WPS.
- Provide decontamination supplies (and eye flushing supplies if required) at required locations.
- Follow restrictions DURING applications to keep workers and other persons out of certain areas (treated area and AEZ or enclosed space production area).
- Follow relevant restrictions DURING applications (do not contact workers or other persons directly or through drift; and applicator temporarily suspends the application if workers or other persons are in the AEZ or enclosed space production area).
- Monitor handler every 2 hours visually or by voice communication for applications of pesticides with skull & crossbones on label.
- Fumigant applications in enclosed space production facilities – have a second handler outside of the enclosed space to continuously monitor (voice or visual), or rescue the applicator if necessary. Must have second set of required PPE outside of application space.
- If a respirator is required, follow respirator requirements (i.e., medical evaluation, fit testing, respirator training) and ensure that all records of completion of these tasks kept for 2 years.
- Make emergency assistance available (information and transportation).