

See a pesticide incident? Report it!

Did you know it's very important to report possible pesticide incidents or pesticide related illnesses?

Reports are used by County Agricultural Commissioners to investigate any reported pesticide illness or exposure.

The Agricultural Commissioners and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation take action when pesticide applicators aren't following state laws and regulations.

The California Department of Pesticide Regulation, or DPR, also uses incident reports to improve protections for people and the environment.

What should you do if you or someone you know is experiencing a possible pesticide related illness?

If this is an emergency - for example, if you are currently being exposed through pesticide spray or drift, especially if you're having serious health problems like difficulty breathing - remove yourself from the situation immediately and dial 9-1-1.

Make sure to say that you have been exposed to a pesticide.

You can also call the Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222 for free first aid information about non-emergency symptoms from pesticide exposure, such as flu-like symptoms, skin irritation, or other symptoms.

If you were exposed to pesticides at work, ask your employer to take you to the doctor.

They are legally required to do so.

How do you report a possible pesticide related illness or incident?

It is critical to get in touch as soon as possible with your County Agricultural Commissioner.

The agricultural commissioner is your local regulator.

Their job includes investigating any reported pesticide illness or exposure.

They will look into your reported incident as soon as possible to make sure people and environment are safe and to enforce pesticide use laws and regulations.

Contact your commissioner by calling 1-877-378-5463.

You can find the direct phone number of your County Agricultural Commissioner by clicking the link in the video description.

Contact the Department of Pesticide Regulation by calling 916-324-48100 or emailing to [cdprweb](mailto:cdprweb@cdpr.ca.gov) at cdpr.ca.gov

Remember: When you report an incident, the more information you can provide the better.

Some of the information that will help investigations include the address or location where the incident occurred, the date and time it happened, what symptoms you or others experience, and the name of the pesticide product if you know it.

You can always report without giving your name or other identifiable personal information.

To learn more about how pesticides are registered, how pesticides use laws and regulations are enforced, and other information about how the state protects human health and environment visit www.cdpr.ca.gov

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