Notice for Applications

Orally warn workers and post treated areas if required by the product label. If not required by the product label warning signs must be posted if the REI is greater than:

- 48 hours for outdoor production,
or
- 4 hours for enclosed space production

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Posted Warning Signs

Post legible WPS-approved warning signs no more than 24 hours prior to an application; keep posted during REI; remove/cover within 3 days after REI expires.

Signs must be posted visibly from all reasonable expected entrances to the treated area.

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Verbal Warnings

Before each application, tell workers on the establishment (in a manner they can understand):

- location & description of treated area
- date & times entry is restricted
- application exclusion zone, REI, and not to enter during REI

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Personal Protective Equipment

Handlers Must Use

Provide handlers with all PPE required by the pesticide labeling, and be sure it is:

- clean and in operating condition
- worn, used, and cleaned according to manufacturer’s instructions
- cleaned, inspected, and repaired or replaced before each use

Respirators

When a respirator is required by product labeling, employers must provide handlers with:

- a medical evaluation to ensure handler is physically able to safely wear the respirator
- training in respirator use
- a fit test to ensure the respirator fits properly

Records of these items must be kept on the establishment for 2 years.

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Cleaning and Disposal of PPE

Employers must ensure:

- PPE is washed and dried,
- stored separately from personal clothing, and
- away from pesticide-contaminated areas.

Handler employers must also:

- provide handlers with a pesticide-free area for:
  - storing personal clothing not in use
  - putting on PPE at start of task
  - taking off PPE at end of task
- take steps to avoid heat-related illness when labeling requires PPE for a handler activity
- not allow used PPE to be taken home

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Some WPS protections that employers must provide are nearly the same for both workers and handlers.

**Information Display Requirements**

Information must be displayed in an easily accessible location that employees have unrestricted access to. Application info and SDS must be displayed for 30 days after the REI expires, and then kept in records for 2 years after REI expires. Information must include:

- **Facts about each pesticide application** - product name, EPA registration number, active ingredient, crop/site treated, location and description of treated area, date, start and end times of application, duration of restricted entry interval (REI).
- **Safety data sheets** (SDS) for each WPS-labeled pesticide applied
- **EPA WPS safety poster**, or equivalent info must be displayed at all permanent decontamination sites or where decontamination supplies are provided for 11 or more workers. (p21-23)

Employers must provide application information and SDS to a worker, handler, designated representative, or medical personnel, within 15 days of their request. (p25)

**Emergency Assistance**

If a worker/handler may have been exposed to pesticides during or within 72 hours of employment, and needs emergency medical treatment, employers must:

- promptly make transportation available to an appropriate medical facility;
- promptly provide treating medical personnel with information about all pesticide products the employee may have been exposed to, including:
  - SDS, product name, EPA registration number, active ingredient, and REI
  - description of how pesticide was used
  - circumstances that could have resulted in exposure to pesticides. (p31-32)

**Minimum Age Requirements**

Employers are responsible for ensuring ALL handlers and early-entry workers are at least 18 years old. (p49)