

# Farm Labor Contractor

## Pesticide safety tips

### What you need to do

- 1 Review the application-specific information** and be aware of its location to ensure the field where fieldworkers are scheduled to enter has an expired Restricted Entry Interval (REI).
- 2 Communicate with the grower/property owner prior to commencing work**, to ensure all restricted entry intervals have expired in the fields where your employees are scheduled to work and it is safe to perform fieldwork. Ask if he or she knows of any scheduled applications on neighboring farms and potential application exclusions zones nearby. Have the contact telephone number for the grower who contracted with you and the telephone number for the local agricultural commissioner should you observe any pesticide spray application practices that may impact your employees.
- 3 Maintain awareness of the conditions around where your employees will be working.** Drive around the field prior to starting work to make sure it is safe and there are no nearby applications or posted fields. Monitor the wind throughout your work period, increases in wind speed, changes in wind direction, or absence of wind can increase the chance of pesticide drift exposure to workers.
- 4 Keep your Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) and Emergency Medical Care plans current** and train your employees on that information. You must locate a facility where emergency medical care is available for your employees who enter treated fields. Your employees (or their supervisor) must be trained and know the name and location of the facility or physician where you have made emergency medical care arrangements. Include examples of how to respond to different pesticide exposure scenarios and the information required to be provided to treating medical personnel, when training your supervisors and crew bosses.
- 5 If you have a pesticide related concern or an incident occurs, immediately notify the contracting grower and the local county agricultural commissioner's office.**
- 6 When there are reasonable grounds to suspect that an employee has a pesticide related illness, or when an employee or employees have been exposed to a pesticide that might reasonably lead to an illness, you must assure that the employee or employees are taken to a physician immediately.** They may not drive themselves.
- 7 Provide the medical personnel treating your employee(s) with:** 1. Safety Data Sheets; 2. Product names; 3. EPA registration numbers; 4. Active ingredient information for all pesticides involved in the exposure (if known). Also, inform the medical personnel of the circumstances which may have led to an employee's exposure.



#### Pesticide Complaint?

**1-87PestLine**  
INFORMATION LINE

1-877-378-5463



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