

Understanding and directing concerns about pesticide exposures

Insecticides, herbicides, fungicides and other pest control chemicals

To Address Immediate Pesticide Exposure Concerns and Related Complaints

- First:** Any individual who believes they have been exposed to harmful levels of pesticides should seek immediate medical attention.
- Second:** Call the **Poison Control Center** at **(800) 222-1222** for help with emergency first aid information.
- Third:** Individuals should report exposure or drift concerns to the **Minnesota Duty Officer** at **(800) 422-0798** (24 hours-a-day/7 days-a-week) or **MDA** complaint line at **651-201-6333** (Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.).
- Fourth:** Assistance with and information about acute or immediate pesticide exposure concerns, as well as chronic exposure concerns, can also be obtained from the **National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC)** at **(800) 858-7378**. The Center is staffed **from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** (Central Time), **Monday through Friday** to assist with exposure and illness reporting, and to provide assistance related to the toxicology and symptomology of certain pesticide products.
- And...** For potential human or animal exposure MDA will contact the applicator to try to collect detailed information on the actual pesticide used for a potential exposure as soon as possible, and provide that information to the physician or the veterinarian as they relate to a course of diagnosis, or the care or treatment of a patient. The physician or veterinarian should call the **MN Duty Officer** at **(800) 422-0798** (24 hours-a-day/7 days-a-week) or **MDA** complaint line at **651-201-6333** (Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or submit to the MDA a request form available at <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/news/publications/chemfert/ag03089drvet.pdf>. The MDA, working with the MDH, is committed to providing all available information as soon as possible.

Additional Information

- Additional pesticide information and resources for medical professionals are provided by NPIC at <http://npic.orst.edu/health/medical.html>.
- Additional guidance and resources for reporting exposures to MDA or officials in nearby states is available at <http://www.migrantclinician.org/issues/occupational-health/pesticides/reporting-illnesses.html>.
- The NPIC also has information for posting in local health departments/clinics and elsewhere (copies are enclosed). The enclosed flyer provides access to important telephone numbers and exposure reporting information. Additional copies of the enclosed materials, as well as other flyers, podcasts and helpful information are available online at <http://npic.orst.edu/incidents.html> and <http://npic.orst.edu/faq.html>.