



SELF-INSPECTION CHECKLIST

WPS Worker Requirements for Greenhouse/Nursery Applications

This checklist is designed for owners of agricultural establishments who would like to self-evaluate their compliance with the Worker Protection Standard (WPS). It is not a comprehensive list of the WPS requirements. Refer to the pages listed in this checklist for detailed information found in EPA's "How to Comply with the Worker Protection Standard for Agricultural Pesticides – What Employers Need to Know."

The manual can be ordered by calling the Iowa State University Extension Distribution Center at (515) 294-5247 or downloaded by visiting www.extension.iastate.edu/store/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=PAT12

Other WPS compliance materials can be ordered from the EPA Agriculture Compliance Assistance Center at (888) 663-2155 or www.epa.gov/oecaagct/awor.html

INFORMATION AT A CENTRAL LOCATION

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Is the following information displayed where it is easily accessible and can be easily seen and read by workers before a pesticide is applied?

- Pesticide-specific application information
- Emergency medical information
- Pesticide safety poster

Does the pesticide application information include the following?

- Location of treated area
- Product name
- EPA registration number
- Active ingredient(s)
- Time and date pesticide is to be applied
- Restricted-entry interval (REI)

Is the pesticide application information displayed until at least 30 days have passed since the pesticide was applied or REI has been in effect?

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PESTICIDE SAFETY TRAINING FOR WORKERS

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- Have workers received complete WPS training prior to the sixth day of their entering any treated areas and every five years thereafter?
- Are EPA-developed or equivalent training materials used in training?
- Is safety information presented in a manner that workers can understand?
- Can you document that workers were trained?

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DECONTAMINATION SUPPLIES**pp.24-25**

- Is there at least 1 gallon of water available for each worker for routine washing and emergency washing of the entire body?
- Are there enough single-use towels and soap available?
- Are decontamination sites within ¼ mile of the work site?
- Are decontamination sites provided for 30 days following the end of the REI (7 days with REIs of 4 hours or less)?

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EMPLOYER INFORMATION EXCHANGE**p.26**

- Have you provided treated site location and entry restriction information to hired commercial pesticide applicators when required?

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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**p.27**

- Is emergency transportation promptly available?
- Is the following information promptly available to medical personnel upon request?
- Product label information
 - Description of how the pesticide was being used
 - Circumstances of worker's exposure to pesticide

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RESTRICTIONS DURING APPLICATIONS**pp.36-37**

- Are workers kept out of treated areas during the REI?

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SPECIAL APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS IN NURSERIES**p.59**

Is the treated area posted and are workers kept out of the treated area and 100 feet in all directions during the treatment and the REI if pesticides are applied by:

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- Aerial application
- In an upward direction
- Using a spray pressure >150 psi
- Fumigant, smoke, mist, fog, or aerosol

Is the treated area posted and workers kept out of the treated area and 25 feet in all directions during the treatment and REI if pesticides are applied:

- In a downward direction from a height >12 inches from the planting medium
 - As a fine spray
 - Using a spray pressure >40 psi and <150 psi
 - By any other method not listed above that requires applicators to wear a respirator
- Is the treated area posted and are workers kept out of the treated area for any other pesticide application not mentioned above?

- If fumigants are applied, is the treated area posted and are workers kept out of the treated greenhouse and any adjacent structure that cannot be sealed off from the treated area during treatment and the restricted-entry interval?
 - If applications are made via smoke, mist, fog, or aerosol, is the treated area posted and are workers kept out of the entire enclosed area during treatment, the restricted-entry interval, and until ventilation criteria are met?
 - If pesticides are used that require applicators to wear a respirator, is the treated area posted and workers kept out of the treated area during treatment, the REI, and until ventilation criteria are met?
- Is the treated area posted and workers kept out of the treated area and 25 feet in all directions within the enclosed area for applications not mentioned above but:
- From a height of >12 inches from the planting medium
 - As a fine spray
 - Using a spray pressure >40 psi
- Is the treated area posted and are workers kept out of the treated area until the application is complete and the REI has expired for any other pesticide application not mentioned above?

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RESTRICTIONS DURING RESTRICTED-ENTRY INTERVALS

- Are workers who do early-entry tasks provided with personal protective equipment and training?

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NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS

- Are workers given oral and/or posted warnings according to label requirements?
- Are oral warnings:
- Given in a manner that workers can understand?
 - Given that include the location of the treated area, the time during which entry is restricted, and instruction not to enter during the REI?
- Are warning signs:
- Posted at all usual entry points to treated areas?
 - Posted not more than 24 hours prior to treatment and removed within 3 days following the end of the REI?

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