

Ten Tips to Protect Children From Pesticide Poisoning



**Oregon Poison Center
1-800-222-1222**



- ALWAYS store pesticides and other household chemicals, including chlorine bleach, OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN in cabinets with child-resistant latches.
- READ THE LABEL FIRST, pesticides and household cleaning products and pet products can be dangerous or ineffective if too much or too little is used.
- REMOVE CHILDREN, TOYS AND PETS from the area before applying pesticides or other household chemicals. KEEP CHILDREN AND PETS AWAY until the pesticide has dried or as long as recommended on the label.
- PROPERLY RECLOSE AND REMOVE pesticides or other household chemicals from reach of children after use, or if you're interrupted (perhaps by the phone or someone at the door).
- NEVER TRANSFER PESTICIDES TO CONTAINERS that were used for food or drink (like soda bottles). NEVER PLACE rodent or insect baits where small children can reach.
- WHEN APPLYING INSECT REPELLENTS to children, read the directions first; do not apply over cuts, wounds, and irritated skin or on the eyes, mouth, or hands. Do not apply directly to the child's face; use your own hands instead. Use just enough to cover exposed skin or clothing but do not put clothing over skin that has been sprayed.
- WASH CHILDREN'S HANDS, TOYS, BOTTLES often. Regularly clean floors, windowsills, counter tops and other surfaces to reduce possible exposure to pesticide residues.
- DON'T USE PESTICIDES IF YOU DON'T HAVE TO. Look for safer alternatives. Call Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides in Eugene at (541) 344-5044 or visit www.pesticide.org or Portland Metro Natural Gardening program at www.metro-region.org
- USE BAIT AND TRAPS INSTEAD OF BUG SPRAYS OR BOMBS.
- Place them where children cannot reach.
- CALL THE OREGON POISON CENTER IMMEDIATELY AT

1-800-222-1222 if you suspect pesticide or other poisoning.

