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Safety Precautions When Working with Pesticides

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Many pesticide accidents result from careless practices or ignorance.

It is important for applicators and pesticide handlers to learn and implement safe procedures when working with pesticides; it's for your own good! As an applicator working with toxic chemicals you should always exercise safety precautions not only to safeguard your health but also to protect other people and the environment from pesticide injury.

Goals of This Module

- Learn proper safety precautions for before, during and after pesticide application.
- Understand the importance of cleanup measures.
- Learn how to safely transport pesticides
- Understand the need for personal protective equipment.
- Understand your legal responsibilities when using pesticides

Carelessness causes injury and even death. Protect yourself, others, and the environment by using care and common sense. Learn safe pesticide handling procedures, it's for your own good!