

EPA Required WPS  
Pesticide Safety Training



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**PESTICIDE OUTREACH PROGRAM**

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The Pesticide Outreach Program is here to Help Utah's Farmers to:

- Comply with EPA regulations for a safe workplace where pesticides are mixed and applied
- Provide free EPA required Pesticide Safety Training to their workers
- Minimize Farmworker risks associated with working in and with pesticides
- Recognize and successfully handle pesticide related emergencies
- Schedule free EPA approved Pesticide Safety Training
- Get access to the information needed to protect their workers as required by the EPA.



## EPA Requires:

All Farm Employees Who Work with Plants Treated with Pesticides Must Complete Pesticide Safety Training as Part of The Worker Protection Standard for Agriculture Pesticides.

## To request a free EPA Approved Pesticide Safety Training

email: [Pesticide@futuresthroughtraining.org](mailto:Pesticide@futuresthroughtraining.org)

or call **(801)394-9774 ext.19**

Please include your contact information, preferred date, time, and language of training.

# Commonly Asked Questions

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## **Is having the pesticide applicator state certified good enough?**

NO! EPA requires EVERYONE to complete Pesticide Safety Training, that includes EVERYONE who comes in contact with ANY product that has been exposed to pesticides within 30 days.

## **How long can you legally work someone without EPA Pesticide Safety Training?**

5 days

## **Whose responsibility is it to make sure the workers all have their Pesticide Safety Training (Verifiable by their WPS blue cards)?**

The farm owner or operator

## **After the workers take Pesticide Safety Training, how long is the training or Blue WPS card good for?**

5 years

## **What fines are there for farms out of compliance with WPS (including working people without having Pesticide Safety Training)?**

\$100-\$300 for first offense And Under FIFRA:

Private Applicators: up to \$1,000 and 30 days in prison

Commercial Applicators: up to \$25,000 and 1 year in prison

## **Who Can Help With WPS Pesticide Safety Training and Questions?**

*Corrie Hout at Futures Through Training, Inc.*

- (801) 394-9774 ext. 19

*Clark Burgess at Utah State Department of Agriculture*

- (801) 538-7188

*A. J. Ferguson at Utah Farm Bureau*

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# New Worker Training

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**U**nder EPA's Worker Protection Standard (WPS), every new worker must be trained on these three basics before starting work:

1. Pesticides may be on or in plants, soil, irrigation water, or drifting from nearby applications
2. Prevent pesticides from entering your body by:
  - Following directions/signs about keeping out of treated or restricted areas
  - Washing before eating, drinking, chewing gum or tobacco, or using the toilet
  - Wearing work clothing that protects the body from pesticide residues
  - Washing with soap and water, shampoo hair and put on clean clothes after work
  - Washing work clothes separately from other clothes before wearing them again
  - Washing immediately in the nearest clean water if pesticides are spilled or sprayed on the body and, as soon as possible, showering, shampooing, and changing into clean clothes
3. Further training will be provided within 5 days

**Remember: The complete WPS Training still must be completed before the end of the 5th day of work.**

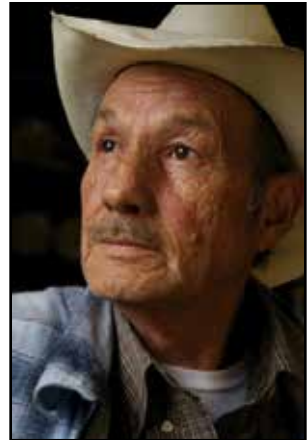
# WPS Pesticide Safety Training

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**P**esticide Safety Training must be done in the primary language of the worker, even if the worker speaks a little English, or is fluent, it must be done in the worker's first language.

**Every worker needs to understand all of the required 11 points:**

1. Descriptions of where and in what form pesticides may be encountered during work activities
2. Hazards of pesticides resulting from toxicity and exposure, including acute and chronic effects, delayed effects, and sensitization
3. Routes through which pesticides can enter the body
4. Signs and symptoms of common types of pesticide poisoning
5. Emergency first aid for pesticide injuries or poisonings
6. Instructions on how to obtain emergency medical care
7. Routine and emergency decontamination procedures, including emergency eye flushing techniques
8. Hazards from chemigation and drift
9. Hazards from pesticide residues on clothing
10. Warnings about taking pesticides or pesticide containers home
11. Requirement of the WPS designed to reduce the risks of illness or injury resulting from workers' occupational exposure to pesticides including application and entry restrictions, design of the warning sign, posting of warning signs, oral warnings, availability of specific information about applications, and protection against retaliatory acts.



# Pesticide Health Related Emergencies

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**A**n anytime you think you or any of your workers/co-workers have a pesticide-related health problem, treat it like a life-threatening emergency. Always follow these steps when dealing with a pesticide-related health emergency:

1. Assess the situation; Is it safe for you to help?  
If there is any chance of being the second victim of the same pesticide, wear protective gear or get someone who is trained for the situation.
2. Get the person out of the situation; as quickly as it is safe and possible.
3. Administer CPR, if necessary.
4. Get the labels of EVERY pesticide that has been used in that area for the past 30 days, and the usage dates.
5. Read the directions on first aid on the labels of EVERY pesticide that has been used in that area for the past 30 days. If there are conflicting first aid directions, do NONE of them. If there are no conflicting directions, follow the directions.

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6. Take the victim and the labels to the closest doctor, clinic (if the person seems okay), or hospital (if the person stopped breathing, passed out, had a seizure, is not completely “with it” or is light headed, vomiting, frothing at the mouth, dizzy, stumbling, is having trouble breathing, or if you have “the feeling that you should.” Don’t second guess yourself in a situation like this, it may be a matter of life and death.)

## **REMEMBER:**

**NEVER LET SOMEONE DRIVE WHO MAY BE HAVING PESTICIDE-RELATED HEALTH PROBLEMS !!!**

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Please visit us at [www.FuturesThroughTraining.org](http://www.FuturesThroughTraining.org) to find information on the laws & regulations, on health issues, emergency procedures and resources and an easy way to schedule a free training - the mandatory Pesticide Safety Training for all workers who come in contact with pesticides, or products with pesticide residues.



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