

PESTICIDE ILLNESS REPORT

(For illnesses caused by pesticides--including sanitizers and disinfectants)

PATIENT:

Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: ¹M ²F
Address: _____ City: _____ County: _____
Phone No.: () _____ Social Security Number: _____
Occupation: _____ Language ¹English ²Spanish ³Other

PHYSICIAN FILING REPORT:

Physician's name: _____
Physician's address: _____

INJURY:

At Address: _____ City: _____ County: _____
Was injury: ¹ At Home ² At Work--agriculture ³ At Work--nonagriculture ⁴ Other exposure
If at work: a) Employer's name: _____
Employer's address: _____
b) Manager or Supervisor: _____

Date of exposure: / / Time of exposure: [:] a.m. [:] p.m.
Date of illness: / / Date of death: / /
Is there reason to believe others were exposed? ¹ No ² Yes

PATIENT'S DESCRIPTION OF EXPOSURE:

Activity at time of exposure:
 ¹ Applying pesticides ² Manufacturing pesticides ³ Mixing pesticides ⁴ Entering pesticide areas
 ⁵ Disposing of pesticides or their containers ⁶ Eating contaminated food
 ⁷ Other exposure (explain): _____
Name of pesticide(s): _____ Ingredient(s) of pesticide(s): _____

Primary route of exposure: ¹ Oral ² Dermal ³ Eye ⁴ Inhalation ⁵ Unknown

PHYSICIAN'S DESCRIPTION OF EXPOSURE:

Date first seen / / Time first seen: _____
Major signs, symptoms, adverse reactions: _____

Hospitalized? ¹ No ² Yes If Yes, hospital name: _____ City: _____
Emergency room only? ¹ No ² Yes
Physician's office only? ¹ No ² Yes
Diagnostic studies ordered? ¹ No ² Yes If Yes, which studies? _____
Diagnosis: _____
Treatment: _____

Brief description of incident (if female, indicate if pregnant): _____

AGENCY COMPLETING FORM:

Agency/County: _____ By whom: _____
Address: _____
Phone no.: _____

AUTHORITY

Part 1. Physician Responsibility

The Health and Safety Code (Section 105200) requires that a physician who knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, that a patient has a pesticide-related illness must report that case to the local health officer by telephone within 24 hours. The reporting requirement includes all types of pesticide cases: skin and eye injuries, systemic poisonings, suicides, homicides, home cases, and occupational cases. **Failure to comply with the foregoing reporting requirement renders the physician liable for a civil penalty of \$250.00.**

A case seen as a pesticide poisoning, or suspected as a pesticide poisoning, may not be categorized as "first-aid" and must be reported (Health and Safety Code, Section 105200).

For occupational cases, there is the additional requirement to send a copy of the "Doctor's First Report of Occupational Injury or Illness" (DFR) to the local health officer within seven days and also to send the DFR to the State Department of Industrial Relations.

Part 2. Responsibility of the Local Health Department Regarding Pesticide Illness Reporting

Each local health officer shall immediately notify the county agricultural commissioner and shall report to the Director, Department of Pesticide Regulation, the Director, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and, for occupational cases, the Director, Department of Industrial Relations, on a form prescribed by the Director, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, each case reported to him or her pursuant to this section within seven days after receipt of any such report (Health and Safety Code, Section 105200).

Addresses and phone numbers

Department of Pesticide Regulation,
Worker Health and Safety Branch,
P.O. Box 4015
Sacramento, CA 95812-4015
(916) 445-4222 (voice); (916) 445-4280 (FAX)

Department of Industrial Relations,
Division of Labor Statistics and Research
P.O.Box 420603
San Francisco, CA 94142-0603
(415) 703-3020 (Voice); (415) 703-3029 (FAX)

Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
Pesticide and Environmental Toxicology Section (PETS)
1515 Clay Street, 16th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 622-3170 (Voice); (510) 622-3218 (FAX)

Part 3. Definitions (abridged) of "economic poison" (pesticide) and "pest:"

Food and Agriculture Code, Section 12753 defines an "economic poison" (pesticide) as:
"Any substance, or mixture of substances which is intended to be used for defoliating plants, regulating plant growth, or for preventing, destroying, or mitigating any pest, as defined in Section 12754.5, Which may infest or be detrimental to vegetation, man, animal, or households, or be present in any agricultural or nonagricultural environment whatsoever."

Food and Agriculture Code, Section 12754.5 defines "pest" as:

"Any of the following that is, or is liable to become, dangerous or detrimental to the agricultural or nonagricultural environment of the state:

- (a) Any insect, predatory animal, rodent, nematode, or weed;
- (b) Any form of terrestrial, aquatic, or aerial plant or animal, virus, fungus, bacteria, or other microorganism (except viruses, fungi, bacteria, or other microorganism on or in living man or other living animals);
- (c) Anything that the director, by regulation, declares to be a pest."

AVAILABILITY OF THIS FORM

Additional copies of this form are available from the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, PETS, 1515 Clay Street, 16th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612. Telephone (510) 622-3170 (Voice) or (510) 622-3218 (FAX).