



POSITION STATEMENT

Worker Protection Issues

It is the position of the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) that:

- A. Workers shall not be allowed to take home or wear home clothing contaminated with pesticides. Employers shall provide for the daily cleaning of work clothing and shall inform the person or firm doing the laundry that they will need to launder this clothing separately.
- B. Workers shall be provided with a clean place in which to change into work attire and an area to store personal clothing. Soap, water, and towels shall be provided for workers to wash up at the end of the work period.
- C. The employer shall provide at the mixing and loading site at least one change of clean work clothing.
- D. Employees shall be informed of the name and location of a facility where medical care is available. At a prominent place at the work site, the employer shall post the name, address, and telephone number of a facility able to provide emergency medical care whenever employees will be handling pesticides. While directing employees to this particular medical facility, the employer does not warrant or guarantee the performance of the facility's medical personnel.
- E. When there are reasonable grounds to suspect that an employee has a pesticide illness or when exposure to a pesticide has occurred that might reasonably be expected to lead to an employee's illness, the employer shall ensure that the employee is taken to a physician of the employee's choice immediately.
- F. When using pesticides in Categories I and II, pesticide applicators need to wear long pants, long-sleeve shirt, shoes, and socks. In addition to those requirements, however, chemical resistant aprons and hats must be worn, when appropriate, for mixers and loaders.
- G. The employer shall provide training so that each employee who handles any pesticide understands for each pesticide to be used:
 - 1. The hazard involved

2. The safety procedures to be followed
3. The clothing and protective equipment to be used
4. The common symptoms of pesticide poisoning and the ways poisoning can occur
5. Where to obtain emergency medical treatment
6. The purposes and requirements of medical supervision
7. Applicable laws, regulations, and label requirements
8. The need for immediate decontamination of skin and eyes when exposure occurs.

H. The employer shall record the date and extent of initial and annually required training given to the employee and the job to be assigned. This record shall be verified by both the employee's and employer's signature and retained by the employer for two years at the employee's permanent assigned work location.