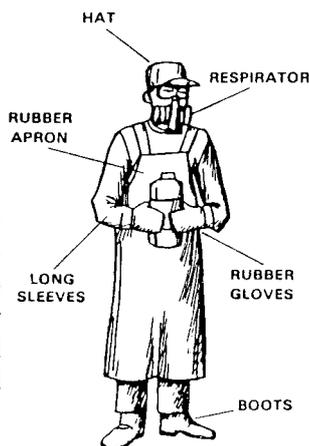


For this reason, individuals employed to perform this activity should be well-informed of the dangers involved and work under the supervision of a properly certified, licensed applicator whenever handling "Restricted-Use Pesticides."

Mixing and loading should never be done without a full understanding of the pesticide label and with the use of all recommended personal protective equipment. The label will identify the dangers involved and the precautions to follow, may indicate the signs and symptoms of poisoning and recommend first aid practices, should one be exposed to the product.



Before you begin to mix, load and apply pesticides, and after you understand the label directions, make certain you have taken the following precautions:

1. Have detergent or soap and an adequate supply of water available.
2. Know the early symptoms of poisoning for the pesticide you are using.
3. Know the first aid procedures and make certain that materials and supplies are available.
4. Be certain that materials are available to handle spills.
5. Make certain that all equipment is functioning properly.
6. Do not work alone; be sure help is available if you get into trouble.
7. Have all the recommended protective clothing and equipment. Double-check that the respirator fits properly and has the correct canister cartridge.
8. Never eat, drink, smoke or go to the bathroom while working with pesticides, without first washing your hands.

You are now ready to begin mixing and loading. Follow these suggestions:

1. Reread the label and follow the directions; pay special attention to the warnings and precautions.
2. Make sure only authorized mixers, loaders and/or supervisors are in the mixing and

loading area. No other people or animals should be there.

3. Work only in a well-ventilated, well-lighted area.
4. Pesticide containers should be in a secure position when opening, to prevent any spillage. Be sure everyone is wearing the proper personal protective equipment.



5. Mix and pour concentrated pesticides down low, preferably below waist level. **Never pour pesticides at eye level.** A spill or splash could be disastrous. Always remove clothing and wash yourself and your clothing thoroughly, **immediately** (within two minutes), if pesticides are spilled or splashed on you.
6. Stand with your back to the wind -- upwind -- so that any fumes or dusts are blown away from you.
7. Pour the pesticide into water, never water into the pesticide.
8. If stirring is necessary, use a stir stick, never your hands.
9. Mixing and loading are best done on a concrete slab where spills can be handled more effectively. Avoid mixing or loading near surface water or near a well-head.
10. Never pour pesticide directly into a spray tank. Always mix and dilute in a small container.
11. When pouring, stand with your head well above the spray tank, to prevent pesticides from splashing in your face. Protect your eyes with splash-proof goggles.
12. **Never overflow a spray tank.** The cleanup could be an all-day, all-night task, costly and dangerous.