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Basic Principles of the Worker Protection Standard

The 1992 Worker Protection Standard protects over three and a half million people who work with pesticides at over 560,000 workplaces. The Worker Protection Standard, administered by the U.S. EPA, represents a major strengthening of national efforts to safeguard the health of agricultural workers and pesticide handlers. Effective implementation of the WPS will substantially lower the risk of pesticide poisonings among agricultural workers and pesticide handlers.

Summary of WPS Requirements

Protection during applications

Applicators are prohibited from applying a pesticide in a way that will expose workers or other persons. Workers are excluded from areas while pesticides are being applied.

Restricted-entry intervals

Restricted-entry intervals must be specified on all agricultural plant pesticide product labels. Workers are excluded from entering a pesticide treated area during the restricted entry interval, with only narrow exceptions.

Personal protective equipment

Personal protective equipment must be provided and maintained for handlers and early-entry workers.

Notification of workers

Workers must be notified about treated areas so they may avoid inadvertent exposures.

Decontamination supplies

Handlers and workers must have an ample supply of water, soap, and towels for routine washing and emergency decontamination.

Emergency assistance

Transportation must be made available to a medical care facility if a worker or handler may have been poisoned or injured. Information must be provided about the pesticide to which the person may have been exposed.

Pesticide safety training and safety posters








Training is required for all workers and handlers, and a pesticide safety poster must be displayed.











Access to labeling and site specific information

Handlers and workers must be informed of pesticide label requirements. Central posting of recent pesticide applications is required.

Video Presentations

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Management Considerations for Mixer & Loaders (WPS Handlers)	University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension	25:39	
Pesticide Handlers and the Worker Protection Standard	Michigan State University and the EPA	50:00	

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WPS for Greenhouses & Nurseries	Iowa State University and the EPA	33:00	
Chasing the Sun: WPS Training for Workers (Spanish & English)	National Migrant Resource Program, Inc. and the EPA	36:00	
WPS Train the Trainer	Iowa State University and the EPA	87:00	
Reducing Pesticide Risks: an Interactive Program for Pesticide Handlers	University of California Davis and USDA CSREES	50:00	
Reducing Pesticide Risks: an Interactive Program for Pesticide Handlers (Spanish)	University of California Davis and USDA CSREES	50:00	
Protecting Yourself From Pesticide Hazards in the Work Place (English)	University of California Davis and USDA CSREES	32:00	
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Publications and Manuals

All publications are in PDF format and require Adobe Acrobat Reader software.



- Overview of the Worker Protection Standard from [Penn State](#)
- Worker Protection Standard [How to Comply Manual](#)
- Worker Protection Standard [Manual for Workers](#)
- Worker Protection Standard [Manual for Handlers](#)

WPS Suppliers and EPA Resource Library

- Protective Clothing Requirements, Restricted Entry Intervals, Notification Requirements, EPA Registration Numbers, etc. [For Selected Pesticides from the University of Arkansas](#)
- [Gemplers](#)
- [EPA WPS Publications](#)