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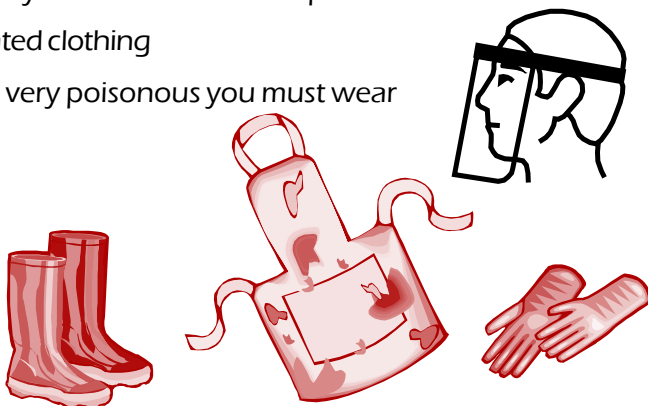
# How to handle pesticides safely

## Read the label carefully

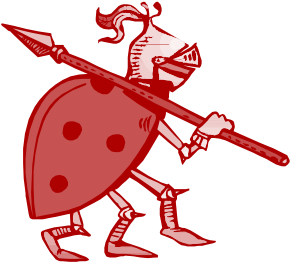


## Make sure you do not get poisoned

- Wash the applicator after you have used it
- Keep away from the spray drift or dust cloud
- Do not smoke, eat or drink while applying the pesticide
- Take a bath when you have finished and put on clean clothes
- Wash contaminated clothing
- If the pesticide is very poisonous you must wear
  - rubber gloves
  - rubber boots
  - a face shield
  - an apron



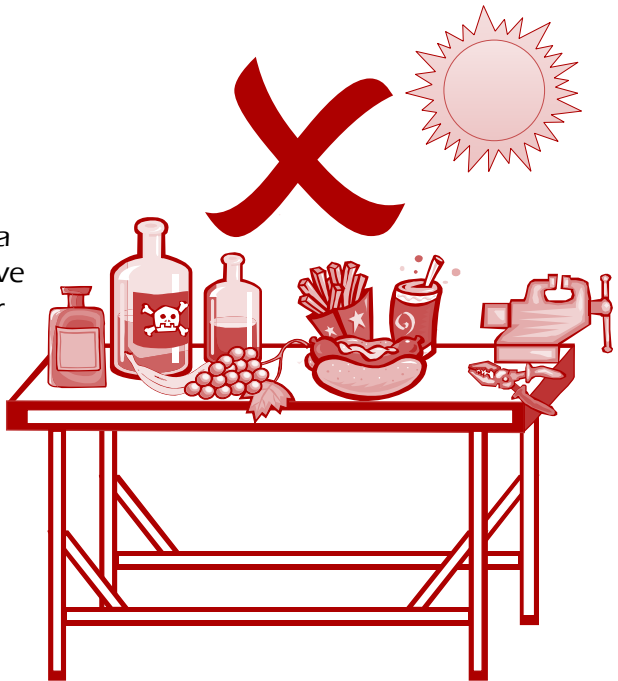
## Do not harm the environment



- Apply pesticides only when it is absolutely necessary
  - Keep to the dosage prescribed
  - Apply pesticides only on windless days
  - Choose pesticides that work quickly or that are safe to wildlife
- Do not contaminate water either by drift or by washing application equipment
  - Use only pesticides that are prescribed for your particular problem. If you are not sure what the problem is, ask someone who knows

## How to store and transport pesticides

- Always pack or load pesticides in such a manner that the containers will not be damaged or leak
- Keep the container in a cool place. Do not leave it in the sun, in the car or near fire
- Store pesticides away from food and feed
- Do not transfer pesticides to containers which normally hold food or liquids, for example cooldrink bottles



## Application equipment

- Always use equipment that is in good working condition
- Service your equipment regularly and fix leaks immediately
- Clean the equipment properly after use, and do not leave pesticides in the applicator overnight
- After you have cleaned the equipment, DO NOT throw the washing water into rivers, dams or onto grazing
- Application equipment must be calibrated properly



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