

Pesticide Safety for Farmer Assistants

Performance Checklists for Practice or Observation Sessions

Performance checklists help you to determine if your worker acts safely when using pesticides on your farm.

- 1. Review each checklist and add/delete or change any actions to make the checklist appropriate for your farm.**
- 2. Review each action with your worker so that he knows what you expect him to do.**
- 3. Make sure your farm is equipped with everything he needs to perform his tasks safely.**
- 4. Use the checklist to coach your worker when practicing:
 1) in a controlled environment, and then
 2) on your farm with water instead of pesticides.**
- 5. Review and discuss the results of the checklist with your worker.**
- 6. Use the checklist to observe your worker using pesticides on your farm.**
- 7. Review and discuss the results of the checklist with your worker.**

Activity: Mixes and Loads Pesticides

Employee:

Employer:

Date:

Use this performance checklist to determine if your worker acts safely when using pesticides on your farm.

Actions	Performed	Comment
Wears protective clothing and equipment properly.	Yes - No	
Opens containers on flat surface.	Yes - No	
Measures with designated measuring devices.	Yes - No	
Pours product into tank without splashes or spills.	Yes - No	
Triple rinses measuring devices.	Yes - No	
Triple rinses product containers. <small>- fills container 1/4 full, closes lid, shakes, pours rinsate into spray tank – 3X</small>	Yes - No	
Measures the appropriate amount of water.	Yes - No	
Leaves an air gap to prevent back siphoning.	Yes - No	
Returns left over product and measuring containers to storage area. Locks storage area.	Yes - No	

Applies Pesticides Safely

Employee:

Employer:

Date:

Use this performance checklist to determine if your worker acts safely when using pesticides on your farm.

Actions	Performed	Comment
Wears protective clothing and equipment properly.	Yes - No	
Tells a fellow worker where he is spraying.	Yes - No	
Tells a fellow worker what he is spraying.	Yes - No	
Checks that no one is in the spray area.	Yes - No	
Leaves a buffer zone next to sensitive areas.	Yes - No	
Checks the equipment (hoses, nozzles) before starting.	Yes - No	
Checks the wind speed and direction and writes it down.	Yes - No	
Sets the speed of the tractor and pressure.	Yes - No	
Checks for any equipment failures- nozzles, hoses, etc.	Yes - No	
Dilutes left over pesticide 10-1 and re-sprays the area.	Yes - No	

Wears Protective Clothing and Equipment Properly

Employee:

Employer:

Date:

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Actions	Performed	Comment
Checks condition of safety equipment before wearing.	Yes - No	
Wears disposable coveralls properly - zippered to neck.	Yes - No	
Wears chemical resistant gloves properly for below waist spraying.	Yes - No	
Wears chemical resistant gloves properly for over head spraying.	Yes - No	
Wears chemical resistant boots properly.	Yes - No	
Wears head covering - hood on coverall or hard hat.	Yes - No	
Wears goggles properly.	Yes - No	
Wears faceshield properly.	Yes - No	
Wears chemical resistant apron properly.	Yes - No	
Wears respirator properly.	Yes - No	
Checks that respirator fits properly.	Yes - No	

Clean Up After a Pesticide Spill

Employee:

Employer:

Date:

Use this performance checklist to determine if your worker acts safely when using pesticides on your farm.

Action	Performed	Comment
Wears protective clothing and equipment properly.	Yes - No	
Tells someone to tell boss about spill and report back.	Yes - No	
Warns other workers to stay away from the spill area.	Yes - No	
Stops the spill from leaking.	Yes - No	
Puts leaking container into a plastic container.	Yes - No	
Stops the spill from spreading.	Yes - No	
Makes a barrier with soil or sand to contain the spill.	Yes - No	
Waits for direction from boss for further cleanup.	Yes - No	
	Yes - No	
	Yes - No	
	Yes - No	

Clean Up After Spraying		
Employee:	Employer:	Date:
Use this performance checklist to determine if your worker acts safely when using pesticides on your farm.		
Actions	Performed	Comment
Cleans the Application Equipment		
Wears protective clothing and equipment properly.	Yes - No	
Drives the sprayer to the proper area for washing.	Yes - No	
Washes the outside of the sprayer.	Yes - No	
Reports anything that needs fixing to boss.	Yes - No	

Clean Up After Spraying		
Employee:	Employer:	Date:
Use this performance checklist to determine if your worker acts safely when using pesticides on your farm.		
Removes and Cleans Protective Clothing and Equipment		
Washes gloves, while wearing them, in warm, soapy water.	Yes - No	
Keeps gloves on while removing other safety equipment.	Yes - No	
Sets safety equipment in a plastic tub.	Yes - No	
Washes goggles, hard hat, boots, and apron in warm, soapy water, rinses in clear water and hangs items to dry.	Yes - No	
Puts disposable coveralls in an empty, plastic bag and puts them in the garbage.	Yes - No	
Respirator: removes cartridges and prefilters and puts them into separate plastic bags for storage.	Yes - No	
Washes the respirator face mask in warm, soapy water, rinses it, and hangs it up to dry.	Yes - No	
Washes the outside of his/her gloves again, in warm, soapy water.	Yes - No	
Takes gloves off, and washes the inside. Fills them with water to check for leaks. If no leaks, hangs them up to dry. If leaks, throws them in the garbage.	Yes - No	
Personal Hygiene-Criteria		
Takes off work clothes, puts them in a clear plastic bag –keeps them separate from other laundry clothes.	Yes - No	
Showers and cleans under finger nails.	Yes - No	
Puts on clean work clothes.	Yes - No	

Laundry		
Employee:	Employer:	Date:
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Actions	Performed	Comments
Puts on chemical resistant gloves.	Yes - No	
Puts work clothes in the washing machine, at the highest water level, using hot, soapy water.	Yes - No	
Washes the clothes twice.	Yes - No	
Hangs clothes on outside clothes line to dry.	Yes - No	
Operates the washing machine with hot soapy water, without clothes to clean the machine.	Yes - No	

Taking Breaks

Employee:

Employer:

Date:

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Action	Performed	Comment
Washes hands at beginning of break.	Yes - No	
Washes hands before and after visiting the washroom.	Yes - No	
Keeps food and drinks away from pesticides.	Yes - No	

First Aid		
Employee:	Employer:	Date:
Use this performance checklist to determine if your worker acts safely when using pesticides on your farm.		
Action	Performed	Comment
Locates first aid kit.	Yes - No	
Locates water sources.	Yes - No	
Contacts boss or alternate boss when an accident happens.	Yes - No	
Pesticide spill on clothing: removes clothing, rinses with water, and calls for help.	Yes - No	
Pesticide spill in eyes: washes eye with water, calls for help.	Yes - No	
Pesticide spill on skin: washes skin with water, calls for help.	Yes - No	
Trouble breathing: gets fresh air, calls for help.	Yes - No	
Pesticide is swallowed: calls for help.	Yes - No	
	Yes - No	
	Yes - No	
	Yes - No	