

## Worker Protection Standard (WPS) SELF-INSPECTION CHECKLIST

This checklist is designed for the owner of an agricultural establishment (farm, forest, nursery or greenhouse) who would like to self-evaluate their compliance with WPS. It is not a comprehensive list of the WPS requirements. Complete information on WPS is found in the EPA's, "The Worker Protection Standard for Agricultural Pesticides—How to Comply, What Employers Need To Know," which can be obtained from the Virginia Department of Agricultural and Consumer Protection Service, Office of Pesticide Services, PO Box 1163, Richmond, Virginia, 23218.

### PESTICIDE SAFETY TRAINING (HTC manual, pp. 25-28)

Have **handlers** received pesticide safety training?

Yes  No

How is training documented?

Certification Card  Handler Card  Other

Is training conducted by a certified applicator or a qualified instructor?

Yes  No

Conducted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Is training material used in compliance with WPS?

Yes  No

Have **workers** received pesticide safety training?

Yes  No

How is training documented?

Certification Card  Worker Card  Other

Is training done by a certified applicator or a qualified instructor?

Yes  No

Conducted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Is training material used in compliance with WPS?

Yes  No

### CENTRAL LOCATION (HTC manual, pp. 23-24)

Is the required information displayed at the central location?

Yes  No

- Application List
- Safety Poster
- Emergency Info
- Legible
- Accessible to Workers and Handlers

Does the application list include:

- Location and Description of Area
  - Product Name
  - EPA Registration Number
  - Active Ingredient(s)
  - Time and Date Pesticide is Applied
  - Restricted-Entry Interval (REI)
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Is the pesticide safety poster the EPA safety poster?

Yes  No

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Is the required emergency information of the nearest facility provided?

- Name
  - Telephone Number
  - Address (if medical facility)
  - Legible
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How are workers/handlers informed about the location of this information?

Verbally  Posted Signs  Other

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## **NOTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS (HTC manual, pp. 41-44)**

How are workers/handlers informed about pesticide applications and restricted-entry intervals?

Verbal warning  Posted Signs  Both

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If verbal warning, when is the warning given?

BEFORE the application of the pesticide   
AFTER the application of the pesticide

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Does verbal warning contain:

Location and Description of Treated Area   
Restricted-Entry Interval   
Instruction Not to Enter the Treated Area  
Until After REI

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How are warnings given to workers who are unable to understand English?

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Are all pesticide applications in **greenhouse** posted?

Yes  No

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When posted signs are used for notification:

Where are signs posted?

All Entrances to Treated Area  Other

Was EPA sign used?

Yes  No

Was it legible?

Yes  No

- 14" x 16"
- Other

When are signs put up? 24 Hours or Less Before Application  Other

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When are they removed? Within 3 Days After the End of REI   
If No REI, then Within 3 Days After  
the End of the Application

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## MEDICAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (HTC manual, pg. 35)

Are all requirements below followed when a handler or worker has been poisoned or injured by a pesticide? Yes  No

- Transportation
  - Product Name
  - EPA Registration Number
  - Active Ingredient
  - Antidote
  - First Aid
  - Statement of Practical Treatment
  - How Pesticide was Used
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Who provides transportation to the emergency medical facility for worker/handler? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who is responsible for providing information about the pesticide products to medical personnel/victim? \_\_\_\_\_

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## DECONTAMINATION (HTC manual, pg. 29)

### Worker site

Is the decontamination site easily accessible to the worker? Yes  No

- Located Within 1/4 Mile of Treated Area
  - More Than 1/4 Mile
  - In an Area Being Treated With Pesticides
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Is each decontamination site equipped with:

- Soap
  - Water
  - Single-Use Towels
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### Handler site

Is the handler decontamination site easily accessible to the handler? Yes  No

- Located at Mixing Site
- Within 1/4 Mile of Treated Area

Is each decontamination site equipped with:

- Soap
- Water
- Single-Use Towels
- Change of Clothes
- Immediate Access to Eye-Flush When Label Requires Protective Eyewear?

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Clean place to remove PPE? Yes  No

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Provisions of soap, clean towels, and enough water to wash thoroughly after removing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)? Yes  No

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## **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) (HTC manual, pp. 77-79)**

Label-required PPE provided? Yes  No

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Cleaned & maintained? Yes  No

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Used correctly? Yes  No

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Employer provide instruction on use & fit test? Yes  No

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Inspected each day before use? Yes  No

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Adequate storage for PPE & personal clothing away from pesticide storage & use areas? Yes  No

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Steps taken to prevent heat illness? Yes  No

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Proper information provided to people who clean or launder PPE? Yes  No

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Policy in place to prevent PPE from being taken home? Yes  No

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## **APPLICATION AND MONITORING (HTC manual, pp. 73-76)**

Do handlers receive proper information about label requirements related to safe use? Yes  No

- Signal Word
- Human Hazard Statement
- PPE Requirement
- First Aid
- Environmental Precautions

Are handlers provided access to labeling during handling? Yes  No

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Are handlers trained to safely and correctly use all equipment for handling pesticides? Yes  No

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Only trained and equipped handler(s) in application area? Yes  No

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When handling "skull & crossbones" pesticides, is monitoring done every 2 hours? Yes  No

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How it is monitored:

- By Sight
- Voice Contact
- Both

**GREENHOUSE:**

If a fumigant is being applied, is the handler monitored? Yes  No

- By Another Handler
- Constant Visual Contact or Voice Contact

Does person monitoring have immediate access to label-required PPE? Yes  No

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Was ventilation criteria met (when required by the label) before handlers/workers were allowed to enter the treated area? Yes  No

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**EQUIPMENT SAFETY (HTC manual, pg. 77)**

Is equipment inspected & repaired before each day of use for leaks, clogging, damaged parts? Yes  No

Performed by handler? Yes  No

*If you would like more information about the EPA Worker Protection Standard, contact:*

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