

PENNSYLVANIA RURAL HEALTH Farm Worker Protection SAFETY PROGRAM

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The mission of the Pennsylvania Rural Health Farm Worker Protection Safety Program is to promote a better understanding of the Environmental Protection Agency's Worker Protection Standard and to assist agricultural employers and employees in compliance assistance.

Worker Protection Standard Compliance

You must comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's Worker Protection Standard if:

- You own, operate or are employed by any agricultural business which uses pesticides;
- You hire or provide employees for any agricultural business which uses pesticides; or
- You or anyone who you employ is a certified/licensed crop advisor.

You must comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's Worker Protection Standard.

The Pennsylvania Rural Health Farm Worker Protection Safety Program Offers

- Group presentations on Worker Protection Standard compliance for growers
- On-site assessments of Worker Protection Standard compliance prior to a regulatory inspection (dependent on advanced scheduling and time availability)
- Assistance in the training of agricultural handlers and workers using language-appropriate resources
- Educational programs on the Worker Protection Standard for migrant labor

Trainings and materials provided through the Pennsylvania Rural Health Farm Worker Protection Safety Program are for the sole purpose of assisting growers with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Worker Protection Standard. EPA is the final authority on the interpretation and enforcement of the Worker Protection Standard. For more information, please see <http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/htc.html>.

Family Exemptions

Even if you are a family-run operation with no outside hired help, you are still responsible to follow certain worker protection standards.

These standards for the family include:

- Wearing personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Preventing pesticide contact (directly or through drift) during application
- Ensuring that you or anyone else not correctly trained and equipped is kept out of areas being treated with pesticides
- Maintaining Restricted Early Intervals (R.E.I.)
- Maintaining no-contact early entry
- Maintaining short-term agricultural emergency or specially excepted early entry with proper PPE

Only immediate family members qualify for the family exemption under the Worker Protection Standard. This includes spouses, children, stepchildren, foster children, parents, step-parents, foster parents and siblings.

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