



# PESTICIDE APPLICATION

**Pesticide:** A substance that is used to kill, harm, or repel a pest; includes herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides and others.

**General-use pesticide:** May be bought over-the-counter without a license; includes household pesticides.

**Restricted-use pesticide:** May only be purchased and applied by a certified, licensed pesticide applicator or a licensed pesticide apprentice or immediately supervised trainee under the licensed applicator's supervision.

## When you need a pesticide applicator's license

- To buy or apply a restricted-use pesticide;
- When applying a pesticide to property other than your employer's;
- Applying pesticides as a public employee using power pesticide application equipment; and
- When giving technical advice on the use or selection of a restricted-use pesticide.



## Safe practices when using pesticides:

- Ensure that employees using pesticides have been properly trained on the safe handling, use and storage of pesticides, and first aid measures in the event of an exposure.
- Ensure that employees are provided with personal protective equipment (PPE) and know how to properly wear the PPE as outlined on the pesticide's label.
- It is a violation of federal law to use pesticides in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.
- If someone needs to wear a respirator, they first need a medical evaluation and to be fit tested to ensure proper fit.
- Ensure access to an eyewash station with 15 minutes of continuous flow in the area the pesticide is being used.



**Remember, the label is the law. If you have questions about a label, please contact the Oregon Department of Agriculture or your local extension office.** For further licensing requirements or how to become licensed, contact Oregon Department of Agriculture's Pesticides Division at 503-986-4635 or [pestx@oda.state.or.us](mailto:pestx@oda.state.or.us).

SDAO Risk Management staff is also available to assist with questions at 800-285-5461 or [riskmanagement@sdao.com](mailto:riskmanagement@sdao.com).

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