



# FARM SAFETY CHECK

## Chemical Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Safety Checklist

Synthetic chemical use is often a part of farming and agriculture. Pesticides can be serious irritants to skin, eyes, and lungs, can affect your internal organs and your health in the short and long-term. Avoiding and/or reducing use of toxic chemicals reduces these risks. However, if you are handling chemicals, take time to implement best practices, like using PPE and following labels carefully. Whether you do your own application, use treated seed, or spot applications on the field, using the right PPE is an important step in your health and safety.

You and/or your employee(s) can use this form to complete safety checks on your farm. Use the form below to list safety checks you think are important when inspecting your farm. Keep the completed forms for follow-up, future reference and inspections. Additional copies of this form can be downloaded at:

<http://umash.umn.edu/umash-farm-safety-check/>

Potential Hazard	Yes	Needs Correction	Date Corrected or Notes
Are you wearing a hat and goggles when handling chemicals to protect head and neck areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are you wearing a mask when handling chemicals, with two straps and labeled for chemical use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are you wearing gloves when handling chemicals? The best gloves to use are 15 mil thick Nitrile gloves.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are you wearing a chemical apron to prevent contact with your clothing and body?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you wear long pants and sleeves to protect your arms and legs & wash separate from other clothing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are pesticide containers disposed properly after use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Have you provided workers with PPE and trained them how to use, clean, store, and replace PPE & chemicals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you post signs around the field & have time entry restrictions after pesticide application?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Name of person completing safety check: \_\_\_\_\_ Date completed: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

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