



FARM SAFETY CHECK

COVID-19 FRIENDLY

WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD SAFETY CHECKLIST

Working with pesticides is a regular occurrence for many individuals involved with agriculture. While working with pesticides are inevitable, incidental exposure and injury does not have to be. The **Worker Protection Standard** (WPS) requires that both agricultural employers and workers take active steps to prevent incidents from occurring by complying with minimum safety requirements.

You and/or your employee(s) can use this form to complete safety checks on your farm. Use the form below to list additional 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
Have workers received WPS training in a way that the worker can understand?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Have workers received WPS training within the past 12 months?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are there decontamination materials (water, soap, towels, etc.) in close proximity to workers at all times?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is required pesticide information displayed in a central location (WPS safety poster, health facilities, pesticide application lists, and Safety Data Sheets)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Have the required personal protective equipment been provided and maintained for all pesticide handlers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If required personal protective equipment is not available due to COVID-19-related shortages, have you considered the following ? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternatives to pesticides. • Using a pesticide that does not need a respirator • Using a different respirator that provides the same or better protection • Hiring a certified applicator • At the very last resort, sharing a respirator with someone else (this increases the risk of getting and spreading COVID-19; so, respirators should be thoroughly cleaned and carefully disinfected after each use) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If a pesticide label calls for a respirator, have the handlers received a medical evaluation and respirator training and fit testing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Has pesticide information (type of pesticide, location applied, and re-entry interval) been posted in the appropriate location to avoid incidental exposure?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is signage posted outside of application zones to keep workers and pesticide handlers out of treated zones and away from application equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is there an emergency transport procedure in place that all workers can utilize in case of incident or exposure?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are all handlers and those permitted in areas restricted for entry above the age of 18?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Name of person completing safety check: _____ Date completed: ___/___/___

SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Pesticide Worker Safety - Worker Protection Standard

United States Environmental Protection Agency

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-worker-safety/agricultural-worker-protection-standard-wps>

Statement Regarding Respiratory Protection Shortages

United States Environmental Protection Agency

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-06/documents/covid19statementrespirators.pdf>

COVID-19: PPE & Respiratory Fit Testing

New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health

<https://www.nycamh.org/covid-19/#resource-801>

Respirator Q&A Toolkit

Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center

<http://umash.umn.edu/respirator-q-and-a/>

Managing PPE Needs When Supplies Are Short

Morning Ag Clips

<https://www.morningagclips.com/managing-ppe-needs-when-supplies-are-short/>

The facts and information provided are suggestions for your safety, but are in no way a comprehensive and exhaustive list of all actions needed to ensure your safety, and are not an endorsement of any products mentioned.

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