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## FEDERAL WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD

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This fact sheet lists the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) fact sheets specifically for commercial pesticide handlers.

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## WPS Fact Sheets for Employers of Commercial Pesticide Handlers

The [Worker Protection Standard](#) (WPS) was issued in 1992 by the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) (EPA). This regulation applies where pesticides are used in production of agricultural plants for commercial or research purposes on farms, forests, nurseries, greenhouses, and related structures. It covers pesticide applicators, mixer/loaders, disposers of pesticide containers, and those who may be exposed to a pesticide residue on the job. Both general-use and restricted-use pesticides are covered by WPS. The regulations have exposure reduction measures that will reduce the risk of pesticide poisonings and injuries among agricultural workers and pesticide handlers.

WPS is a very complex regulation. This fact sheet is intended only as a resource about some of the requirements under WPS.

Omissions or oversights within these pages do not exempt people from complying with the standard. The complete WPS regulations are detailed in the [Code of Federal Register 40 Part 170](#).

Colorado Environmental Pesticide Education Program (CEPEP) and the U.S. EPA National Agricultural Center have a number of WPS materials and information available for viewing or printing. You may also request information to be sent via post office on their website, by writing or calling. These materials are meant for the agricultural community to better understand WPS and how it applies to the commercial pesticide handler. Please note that some fact sheets are available in both Spanish and English.

### Fact Sheets

- [Agrichemicals: Worker Protection Standard - About Eyeflush Requirements](#) (PDF) 3 pp. 1998, (EPA-305-F-98-028)
- [Agrichemicals: Worker Protection Standard - When the Pesticide Is Not Applied As Scheduled](#) (PDF) 3 pp. 2001, (EPA 305-F-01-011)
- [Agrichemicals: Worker Protection Standard - Monitoring and Special Instructions for Pesticide Handlers](#) (PDF) 2 pp. 1998, (EPA 305-F-98-030)
- [Agrichemicals: Worker Protection Standard - Closed Systems](#) (PDF) 3 pp. 1998, (EPA-305-F-98-017)
- [Agrichemicals: Worker Protection Standard - Equipment Safety](#) (PDF) 2 pp. 1998, (EPA-305-F-98-023)
- [Agrichemicals: Worker Protection Standard - Equipment with Enclosed Cabs](#) (PDF) 2 pp. 1998, (EPA 305-F-98-025)
- [Heat Stress](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #133 (PDF) 3 pp. 2004
- [Making Your Protective Clothing Effective](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #107 (PDF) 2 pp. Reviewed 5/04

- [Mixing Pesticides](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #108 (PDF) 2 pp. 2004
- [Safe Disposal of Pesticides and Containers in Colorado Containers in Colorado](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #135 (PDF) 5 pp. 2004
- [Safety with Pesticides](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #106 (PDF) 2 pp. 2004
- [The Pesticide Label](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #103 (PDF) 2 pp. 2004
- [Understanding the MSDS](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #104 (PDF) 2 pp. 2004
- [What are Pesticides?](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #101 (PDF) 2 pp. 2004
- [What to do with Pesticide Spills](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #110 (PDF) 2 pp. 2004
- [Suppliers of Personal Protective Equipment](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #146 (PDF) 2 pp. 2004
- [Pesticide Exposure and Emergency Response](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #112 (PDF) 2 pp. 2004
- [Handling Pesticide Tainted Clothing](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #113 (PDF) 2 pp. 2004
- [Federal Worker Protection Standard](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #124 (PDF) 4 pp. 2004
- [Federal Worker Protection Standard Decontamination Sites](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #421 (PDF) 2 pp. 2004
- [Federal Worker Protection Standard Emergency Medical Assistance](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #422 (PDF) 2 pp. 2003
- [Federal Worker Protection Standard Key Definitions](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #425 (PDF) 2 pp. 2004
- [Federal Worker Protection Standard Resources](#) CEPEP Fact Sheet #424 (PDF) 4 pp. 2003

## **Guides**

### English

- [Protect Yourself from Pesticides: Guide for Pesticide Handlers](#), 101 pp. 1993, (EPA 735-B-93-003)

### Spanish/Español

- [Protejase de los Pesticidas – Guia para los que Manejan Pesticidas \(Spanish version of Protect Yourself from Pesticides: Guide for Pesticide Handlers\)](#), 101 pp. 1994, (EPA 735-B-94-001)

## **Contact Information**

### **U.S. EPA National Ag Center**

The Ag Center is a helpful resource for those in the agricultural community who need information on compliance with environmental regulations.

- **Main Office**  
Address: 901 N. 5th St., Kansas City, Kansas 66101  
Phone: 1-888-663-2155  
Internet: [www.epa.gov/agriculture/](http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/)  
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### **U.S. EPA Region 8**

EPA Region 8 serves the state of Colorado as well as tribal governments throughout the state and has primary authority to enforce WPS regulations. It supports state agencies and also provides resources guidance and assistance directly to local groups involved with environmental protection.

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### **Colorado Environmental Pesticide Education Program**

The Pesticide Safety Education Program of CEPEP is a part of the state-wide cooperative extension program located in Fort Collins at Colorado State University (CSU). It offers a wealth of information about handbooks and training guides, training videos, worker protection standard resources, CEPEP fact sheets about pesticide safety and pesticide disposal resources.

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