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When you work in and around pesticide treated fields, your employer must provide you with certain *decontamination* or *washing supplies* to make sure that you are able to wash yourself before eating, drinking, or any other activities where your hands may contact your face. You may also need these supplies to wash yourself in case you are exposed to pesticide residue.

The decontamination supplies are:

- ◆ Enough clean water to routinely wash and rinse eyes if needed
- ◆ Soap
- ◆ Single use towels

The decontamination supplies must be available to you within one quarter-mile from where you are working. It is important to make sure that you have

enough supply of clean water to wash yourself with, in addition to your drinking water, which you should keep separate from the decontamination water.

If your employer is not supplying these decontamination supplies to you even after you request them, you may call the Pesticide Control Office to ensure that your employer provides the supplies to you. Your employer cannot retaliate against you for wanting to comply with the Worker Protection Standard.

Decontamination Supplies



Safety Tip:

Keep dirty work clothes away from non-work clothes and wash separately from the family laundry.



Pesticide Handler Safety



As a WPS trained handler, your employer may ask you to handle pesticides. Examples of handling activities are:

- ◆ Mixing, loading, or applying pesticides
- ◆ Cleaning, handling, or repairing the parts of mixing, loading, or application equipment that may contain pesticide residue
- ◆ Assisting with a pesticide application
- ◆ Disposing of pesticides or pesticide containers

When handling pesticides, your employer must provide you with the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required by each pesticide label. Some common PPE required by many pesticide labels are:



- Chemical Resistant Gloves



- Coveralls



- Goggles



- Respirator



- Face Shield

Safety Tip:

Do not reuse empty pesticide containers. They should be triple rinsed and punctured or disabled so they cannot be re-used again. Once they are disabled, they can be disposed of per the label's disposal instructions.



While some PPE is designed to be used once and then disposed of, other PPE is designed by manufacturers to be reusable. You must check reusable PPE before each use to make sure that it will protect you. If your employer is not supplying PPE to you even after you request it, you may call the Pesticide Control Office to ensure that your employer provides the PPE to you. Your employer cannot retaliate against you for wanting to comply with the Worker Protection Standard.



If you or someone you work with has possibly been exposed to pesticides, please seek medical attention immediately. You may then report the exposure to:

The Pesticide Control Office

(520) 562-2234

Emergency Medical Centers located near the Gila River Indian Community:

A) Ak-Chin Health Clinic

48203 West Farrell Road
Maricopa, AZ 85239
(520) 568-3881

E) Komatke Health Center

17487 S. Health Care Dr.
Laveen, AZ 85339
(520) 550-6000

B) Casa Grande Regional Medical Center

1800 E Florence Boulevard
Casa Grande, AZ 85222
(520) 381-6300

F) Maricopa Medical Center

2601 East Roosevelt Street
Phoenix, AZ 85008
(602) 344-5011

C) Chandler Regional Medical Center

475 South Dobson Road (Dobson & Frye)
Chandler, AZ 85224
(480) 728-3000

G) Phoenix Indian Medical Center

4212 North 16th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85016
(602) 263-1200

D) Huhukam Memorial Hospital

483 Seed Farm Rd
Sacaton, AZ 85247
(520) 562-3321
(602) 528-1350

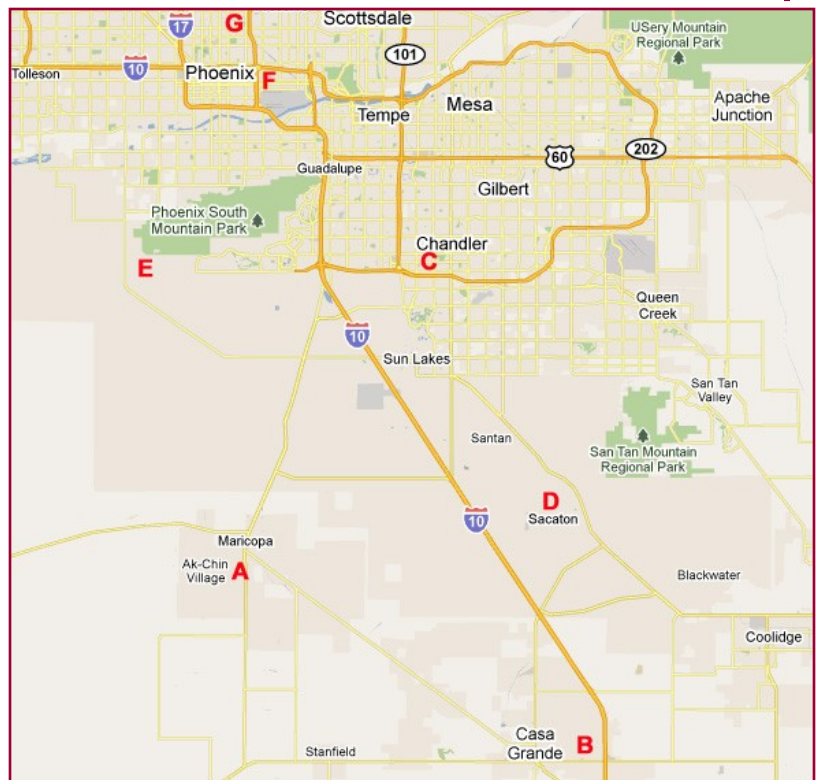


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the closest
emergency
medical facility
is before an
accident
happens."*



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The Pesticide Control Office was established in 1982 to address pesticide related human health and environmental concerns within the Community.

The Office regulates pesticide activities through the Gila River Indian Community Code, Title 18, Chapter 3. The Office staff also conducts WPS trainings and other pesticide safety outreach to ensure that the Community is aware of pesticides that may be around them, symptoms of exposure, and how to avoid exposure to these products.

For questions regarding pesticides or to schedule WPS training, please contact the Office staff.

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