

Let's talk about pesticides in your home...

No thanks. I don't use them.

Wait - are you sure? Got a dog? A pool? Ever use bug spray, clean the bathroom, or do yardwork?

Hmm... OK, so what IS a pesticide?

A pesticide is a chemical used to prevent, kill or repel pests. Pests can be insects, mice and other animals, weeds, even some germs!

Pesticide Examples

- Bug repellent
- Pet flea & tick treatments
- Algae killer for pools and fish tanks
- Bathroom mold removal agents
- Weed killers

Really? Is there anything I should know about using pesticides safely?

When not used properly, pesticides can harm people, pets, and the environment. In fact, poison control and NPIC receive over 100,000 pesticide calls each year!

✓ DOs

Read the label and follow the directions every time you use a pesticide.

Store pesticides in their original containers, up, away, and out of sight of children and pets.

Use protective clothing as directed by the product label. Always wash your hands right after using pesticides.

✗ DON'Ts

Never put pesticides in drinking cups or bottles. Clearly label anything that contains a pesticide.

Never mix different household pesticides together, unless directed to do so by the label.

When adding water to pesticides, never use spoons or cups that you use for food.

Got it! Where can I get more information?

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NATIONAL PESTICIDE INFORMATION CENTER

1.800.858.7378

For general questions about pesticides, including the potential risk to humans, pets, or the environment, call NPIC at 1-800-858-7378.



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1-800-222-1222

If someone breathes in, swallows, or gets pesticide in the eyes or on the skin, call poison control 24/7 at 1-800-222-1222.