



**Pesticides  
Fact Sheet**

# UTAH POISON CONTROL CENTER

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## TOXIC CHEMICALS

Many valuable chemical products, such as those used in the home and garden or in industry and agriculture are potentially toxic to humans and can cause poisoning if misused. Some of these compounds will cause illness if intentionally or accidentally inhaled, swallowed or spilled on the skin or in the eyes. Before using any chemical product, be sure to read and understand the instructions on the container label.

## WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF POISONING

Call a doctor or call the POISON CONTROL CENTER at 801-581-2151. Outside the Salt Lake City metropolitan area call toll free 1-800-456-7707.

Identify yourself. Describe the victim by name, age and sex. Have the package of poison nearby and identify exactly what the victim took and how much. Keep calm. You have enough time to act, but don't delay unnecessarily.

If you wish to obtain information stickers or cards, you may order them directly from the Utah Poison Control Center at the address below. The Utah Poison Control Center also has brochures and posters.

Dr. Douglas Rollins, Medical Director  
Dr. Barbara Insley Crouch, Center Director

Utah Poison Control Center  
410 Chipeta Way, Suite 230  
Salt Lake City, UT 84108

## **PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENT**

All pesticides have both benefits and risks. Benefits can be maximized and risks minimized by reading and following the labeling. Pay close attention to the directions for use and the precautionary statements. The information on pesticide labels contains both instructions and limitations. Pesticide labels are legal documents and it is a violation of both federal and state laws to use a pesticide inconsistent with its labeling. The pesticide applicator is legally responsible for proper use. Always read and follow the label.

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