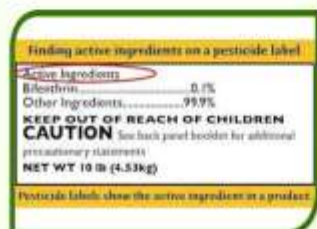


TOXICITY OF PESTICIDES

- Toxicity can be identified according to the warning symbols in the label

CAUTION - LOW TOXICITY
WARNING - MODERATE TOXICITY
DANGER - HIGHLY TOXIC



- Health hazards due to pesticides depends on severity and amount of exposure
- Even a low toxic substance can be harmful when exposed to a large amount

HOW TO MINIMIZE THE HAZARD,

- Minimize the usage of pesticides
- Use biological control methods whenever possible

MORNING IS THE BEST TIME FOR USE OF PESTICIDES

AFTER HANDLING PESTICIDES,


- Clean the equipment properly
- Never drain water that was used to clean the equipment to the nearby streams or wells
- Wash the cloths used when spraying separately and take a shower

DISPOSAL OF EMPTY CONTAINERS

- Wash thoroughly three times and hand over to the collecting centers

Harvesting period: at least minimum of 14 days after **spraying pesticides**


IF POISONED,
TAKE THE PATIENT TO THE NEAREST HOSPITAL IMMEDIATELY

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In Sri Lanka pesticides are commonly used for Agricultural purposes. It is necessary to be aware of the safe use of pesticides.

CORRECT USE OF PESTICIDE

PURCHASING

- Select right pesticide with the help of an agricultural instructor
- Read the label and pay attention to the expiry date

TRANSPORT

- Carry in it's original containers
- Avoid the risk of spillage
- Should not be transported in passenger compartments or with food products



STORAGE

- Store in the original container
- Do not remove original labels
- Never store pesticides in empty food containers
- Never store food in empty pesticide containers
- Never store with food and beverages
- Keep out of reach of children



- Keep under lock and key



BEFORE USE READ THE LABEL AND INSTRUCTIONS



MIXING

- Use rubber gloves while mixing
- Use a wooden stick to mix pesticides



SPRAYING

- Check the condition of the equipment before use
- Keep children and pets away from the area before spraying

- Use protective clothing to cover the entire body



- Spray pesticide perpendicular to the wind direction



- Avoid spraying on rainy days or days with strong winds or extremely hot weather
- Keep the windows and doors closed when spraying around the house
- Never eat, drink or smoke while spraying

