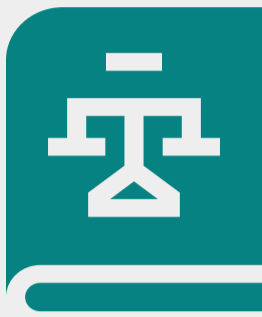


Pesticides Illness Reporting Guidance

For Health Care Professionals



Mandatory Reporting

Arizona regulation (A.A.C. R-9-4-202) requires that health care professionals submit a report of diagnosed or suspected cases of pesticide related illness to the Arizona Department of Health Services



What are pesticides?

- Any substance (or mixture) that intends to control, destroy, repel, or attract a pest. Pest can be insects, mice or other animals, unwanted plants (weeds), fungi, bacteria or viruses. Examples are disinfectants, sanitizers, plant regulators, insecticides, rodenticides, and fungicides.



Who is required to report?

- Arizona laws and regulations require physicians, licensed health care providers, and poison control center report any **known or suspected** cases of pesticide-related illness or injury.



When should I report?

- Report pesticide-related hospitalizations, death, or cluster cases **within 1 day**;
- Report all other suspected or confirmed pesticide related illness **within 5 days**.



What must be reported?

- **Patient information:** name, gender, contact, race
- **Exposure information:** occupation, product name, exposure date
- **Medical information:** symptoms, diagnosis date
- **Treatment information:** specimen, testing, provider contact
- For more information: [A.A.C. R9-4-202: Pesticide Illness Reporting Requirements](#)



How to report?

- Call the Arizona Poison Control Centers (PCC) at 1-800-222-1222. PCC can collect required information and provides guidance on pesticide toxicology & medical management
- File via **MEDSIS electronically**. Sign up & for more information: MEDSIShelpdesk@azdhs.gov
- Fax or Mail a report form to the Environmental Health Capacity, Office of Environmental Health, 150 N. 18th Ave, Ste 220, Phoenix, AZ 85007; Fax: 602-364-3146
- Call Us at 602-364-3118



Why to report?

- Satisfy requirements of Arizona law
- Help provide information on the effects and consequences of exposure to the pesticides
- Help identify high risk pesticide and use practices
- Help identify the magnitude and distribution of pesticide-related illness and injury
- Helps identify target populations for intervention and prevention activities to reduce the occurrence of pesticide poisoning

Pesticide-Related Illness Report Form is available at azhealth.gov/pesticides



Confidentiality

- Reporting of pesticide-related illness does not violate HIPAA or state laws
- Patients' information is confidential and are not released without consent
- Only aggregate information is provided to the public