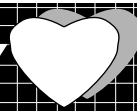


PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY



Protecting Against Dangerous Pesticides

(NAPSA)—To get rid of annoying bugs and weeds, Americans use nearly 80 million pounds of pesticides in their homes and on gardens and lawns. These chemicals are also used in our schools.

Unfortunately, some of the most common pesticides contain ingredients that may pose serious health risks, especially to children. It's an issue of grave concern to organizations like Care for Kids, a national campaign chaired by actress Jane Seymour with the YWCA-NYC to alert parents to the health risks of pesticides.

"I am alarmed that millions of gallons of pesticides are used every spring in homes, schools and childcare centers, putting our children at risk," explains Seymour, mother of six.

In fact, the Environmental Protection Agency has recently taken action to eliminate two of the most common pesticide ingredients, chlorpyrifos and Diazinon, because of the serious health risks they pose to children. However, the elimination of these chemicals is gradual: chlorpyrifos can be sold until the end of 2001 and Diazinon through 2003.

What you can do now

Care for Kids asks parents to follow the 3 E's of Pesticide Safety:



Care for Kids is helping raise awareness of the dangers of pesticides.

Educate yourself about pesticide dangers.

Evaluate your home, school and childcare center.

Eliminate dangerous pesticides from your child's environment and replace them with safe alternatives.

To obtain a free brochure from Care for Kids, stop by any YWCA. Or visit www.CareforKidsNow.com.

Use this checklist to keep your kids safe at home:

Read the labels on all containers stored in your home. Properly eliminate products with chlorpyrifos and/or diazinon.

Search for places pests enter:

- Identify and caulk all cracks in the kitchen and eliminate water leaks.
- Install door sweeps and weather stripping.

Properly dispose of any products that are unlabeled.

Store pesticides and other dangerous chemicals at least four feet off the ground in a locked cabinet.

Post the Poison Control Center number near your telephone.

Limit the use of pesticides to the least toxic products, such as Bioganic Safety Brands insecticides, herbicides and repellents made with plant oils.

Share this information with three friends or relatives whose homes your children visit.

