

## What can I do as a parent???

- Keep pesticides locked away & out of reach of children
- Keep pesticides in their original labeled container
- Keep children out of the house during spraying and air out before entering
- Know the signs and symptoms
- If your child has pesticide poisoning:
  1. Go to a doctor/clinic immediately!
  2. Take the label or pesticide with you!!!
  3. Prevent it from happening again!!!

## Did you know???

- Pesticide labels tell you how dangerous they are. Look for the colour code on the front of this pamphlet & match it with the colour strip on the pesticide container.
- Pesticides can cause cancer, behavioural problems, allergies & asthma.
- Pesticides stay in the environment for many years.
- **Pregnant woman** should avoid use of or exposure to all pesticides.
- Unlabelled pesticides are very dangerous.
- Pesticides sold by street vendors can be illegal & very toxic.

## WHAT IS DAMAGING YOUR CHILD?



### Pesticide Label Color Codes

- **Very Toxic**
- **Harmful**
- **Caution**
- **Keep locked away**

Found on pesticides bought in shops.



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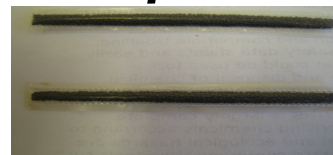


## NO Don't Use These!



street pesticides

## NO



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## VERY DANGEROUS!!!

For all poisoning emergencies, 24/7, contact the:

**Poisons  
Information  
Helpline  
0861 555 777**



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## ▶ What are pesticides???

- Any chemical used to **KILL** mice, rats, ants, bedbugs, fleas, cockroaches & other pests.
- These are harmful to **CHILDREN**, animals and the environment!

## ▶ Where are pesticides found???



### -Home:

- Unmarked bottles of cockroach poison & chinks
- Room & beds sprayed with *Doom* and other sprays.
- Rat poisons
- Pest shampoos & sprays
- Lice shampoos

### -Garden:

- Recently sprayed plants & lawn
- Empty/expired products lying around.

### -Your NEIGHBOUR'S garden and home!

## ▶ Why is my CHILD at risk???

- Their bodies are smaller and can't handle the pesticide.
- Their brains are still growing and the chemicals can affect their growth.
- They are vulnerable because:
  - They are close to the ground.
  - They put their hands in their mouths a lot & eat what they find.
  - They do not know how dangerous the pesticides are.

## ▶ How are they exposed???

1. Through the mouth e.g. eating food with rat poison/drinking bottles they find under the bed.
2. Through the skin e.g. sleeping on beds that have been sprayed for bugs
3. Breathing it in e.g. left in a room that has been sprayed.

## ▶ Is your child...



- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Drooling
- Tiredness
- Coughing
- Sweating and fever
- Shaking
- Eyes rolling back in the head
- Cannot walk

## ... she/he may be POISONED!!!

**(Turn over the page to see what you can do.)**

## ▶ What else can I use?

- For **cockroaches** & other insects: Mix borax, & sugar on an old jar lid. Put out of children's reach.
- For **rats**: Cover up all the places they can come in. Keep the rubbish closed. Use two rat traps per home
- For **ants**: Put peppermint toothpaste or borax where the ants are.

**WARNING: Borax is toxic if eaten!**