
Pesticide Illness Reporting Mandate

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The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department and the Agriculture/ Weights & Measures Department would like to remind healthcare providers of the need to report suspected cases of pesticide illness or injury. This includes illness or injury resulting from exposure to over-the-counter products used at home (bleach, flea bombs, disinfectants, pool chemicals, plant sprays, and fumigants) as well as occupational exposures.

The California Health & Safety Code section 105200 states “any physician...who knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, that a patient is suffering from pesticide poisoning or any disease or condition caused by a pesticide shall promptly report that fact to the local Health Officer....” Physician reporting of pesticide-related illness and injury has been mandatory since 1971.

How to report

Santa Barbara County providers are required to report any suspected cases of pesticide-related illness or injury within 24 hours to the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department via the CalREDIE Provider Portal. For providers not enrolled in CalREDIE, please visit Disease Control & Prevention Program website at: <http://www.countyofsb.org/phd/dcp/home.sbc> for enrollment.

What happens after a CalREDIE Report is submitted?

All reported pesticide-related illnesses and injuries are investigated by the Santa Barbara County Agricultural Commissioner along with technical assistance and oversight by the Department of Pesticide Regulation.

Resources

For specific pesticide illness reporting questions, please contact Pesticides@oehha.ca.gov or contact CalREDIE Help Team for any CalREDIE login or technical issues, 1(866) 866-1428.