

National Worker Protection Standard: A Manual for Trainers

of Agricultural Workers
and Pesticide Handlers



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Purpose of the Manual

The purpose of this manual is to provide guidance for training agricultural workers and pesticide handlers who work in outdoor and enclosed space production areas, such as farms, forests, nurseries, and greenhouses.

The manual is designed to help trainers conduct effective training sessions for agricultural workers and pesticide handlers in compliance with revisions to the federal Worker Protection Standard (WPS) training requirements, which begins January 2, 2017.

Overview

This manual begins with an introduction to pesticides and pesticide safety, including the federal pesticide regulations. It discusses each of the specific points that must be included in WPS training sessions and contains valuable information to help trainers prepare for and conduct pesticide safety training.

This manual focuses on effective ways to communicate pesticide safety and WPS information. It describes a variety of training techniques that are adaptable to different training programs and includes fifteen sample activities for WPS trainers. The final chapter addresses situations that may arise during training and provides suggestions on how to resolve them.

