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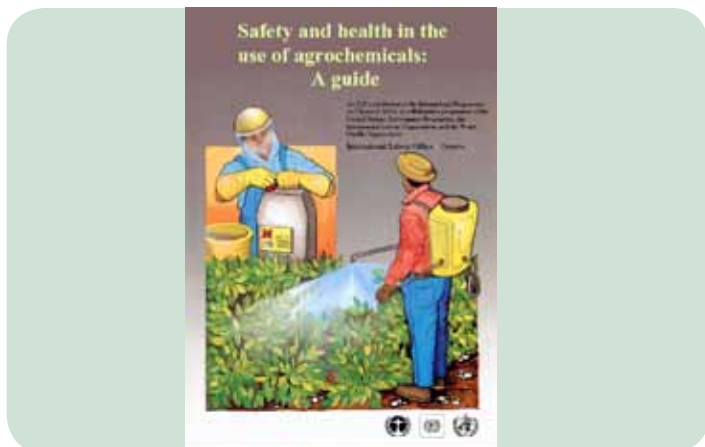


International Labour Office

Rural-Relevant Tools

Safety and Health in the Use of Agrochemicals – A Guide

Themes



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What is Safety and Health in the use of Agrochemicals?

A training aid with practical guidance on safety precautions to be observed in the use of agrochemicals, in use since 1991

For whom?

- **Direct beneficiaries:** Community leaders such as agricultural extension workers, farm managers who play an active role in supervising agricultural workers, school teachers, primary health-care workers, retail salespeople, and workers' education leaders at community centres; employers' and workers' organizations, in plantations for instance
- **Ultimate beneficiaries:** Workers and enterprises using agrochemicals

For what purpose?

- Provide basic guidelines on safety and health in the use of agrochemicals
- Promote the implementation of ILO standards on safety in the use of chemicals, including agrochemicals

How is it delivered?

- Handing out of training materials for trainers
- Training activities within technical co-operation programmes carried out through existing national infrastructures – government authorities, employers, workers and their organizations – to ensure tripartite involvement in promoting safety and health in agriculture
- Freely accessible via internet

What are its components?

Six chapters:

- 1: Introduction
- 2: Safety and health
- 3: Poisoning by agrochemicals, its management and emergency response
- 4: Roles and responsibilities
- 5: Education and training
- 6: Safety and health in developing countries

Which technical areas are covered?

- Skills training
- Safety and health in the use of agrochemicals

Can it cover more technical areas?

- Yes, the use of chemicals in small- and medium-sized enterprises



Where has it been used?

In at least 7 countries: Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Kyrgyzstan, and Panama

Which languages?

Available in 2 languages: English and Spanish

Is it suitable for rural areas?

Yes

What are its strengths?

- Simple, “ready-to-use” information on safety in the use of agrochemicals
- Practical guidance on safety precautions to be observed in the use of agrochemicals in simple and understandable language
- Refers to the ILO *Work Improvement in Neighbourhood Development* (WIND) and *Work Improvement in Small Enterprises* (WISE) tools, whose methodology, principles and technical contents are useful and complementary to this guide
- Available freely through internet

Is there a training course in ITC-Turin?

No, but ITC-Turin distributes this guide to all participants attending occupational safety and health courses

Where to find more information?

- Guide available at:
http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_protect/---protrav/---safework/documents/instructionalmaterial/wcms_110196.pdf
- International Occupational Safety and Health Information Centre, www.ilo.org/cis, for accessing the following ILO Databases:
 - CISDOC to access over 70 000 references
 - Encyclopaedia of Occupational Health and Safety
 - International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSC)



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