

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT: POLICY FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

NAME OF FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME

DATE

Our pest management policy is to reduce the presence of harmful pests and to minimize potential exposure of children and staff to pesticides. Regularly scheduled applications of harmful pesticides do not occur in our family child care home.

Our IPM program ensures that we:

- ▶ Regularly monitor to identify pest problems.
- ▶ Prevent pest problems by removing pest's food, water, and shelter.
- ▶ Use non-chemical management practices to address pest problems when necessary.
- ▶ Use least-hazardous pesticides as a last resort, if non-chemical management practices fail.
- ▶ Train staff, household members, and parents on IPM practices.
- ▶ Use the California Childcare Health Program IPM Toolkit and University of California (UC) Statewide IPM Program website for action plans on individual pests.
- ▶ Hire professionals to provide pest management or other services who are knowledgeable about IPM practices. Pest management professionals refrain from routine pesticide spraying, provide detailed service reports with each visit, and give recommendations for pest prevention.

Optional: Policy for parents exposed to pesticides at work

- ▶ Wash your hands before leaving work.
- ▶ Change your work clothes before picking up your child. Don't hug or carry your child until after you have changed.
- ▶ Leave your work shoes outside before you enter to pick up your child.
- ▶ Store and wash your work clothes separately from the rest of your clothes and your children's clothes.



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