

THE HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT: NEW REQUIREMENTS

The Healthy Schools Act (HSA) was amended in September 2014 to include new requirements around the IPM plan, pesticide use reports, and annual training.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS:

- 1 Designate an IPM Coordinator
- 2 Provide annual written notification
- 3 Establish individual notification registry
- 4 Post warning signs
- 5 Keep records
- 6 Never use prohibited pesticides
- 7 Develop an IPM Plan
- 8 Send pesticide use reports to DPR
- 9 Complete annual IPM training

Requirement numbers 1-6 are covered in this Toolkit (Curriculum pages 5-6), and the new requirements are explained below.

DEVELOP AN IPM PLAN

An IPM plan is required when pesticides not exempt from HSA requirements are used at a school or child care center.

- ▶ Create an IPM plan using the IPM plan template provided by the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) (apps.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm/childcare/main.cfm).
- ▶ If the center has a website, then post the IPM plan there. Include the website link for the IPM plan in the annual notification.
- ▶ If the center does not have a website, the IPM plan must be mailed to all staff and families with the annual written notification.
- ▶ Make the IPM plan available by request at the front office of the child care center.

SEND PESTICIDE USE REPORTS TO DPR

If center staff apply pesticides not exempt from HSA requirements, the IPM coordinator must submit a School Site Pesticide Use Reporting form to DPR. If the center contracts with a pest management professional (PMP), the PMP is required to submit their own reports to DPR.

- ▶ Send pesticide use reports for pesticide applications made by center staff (not contractors) to DPR annually or more frequently.
- ▶ Submit reports no later than January 30 for the previous year (for example, submit 2018 reports no later than January 30, 2019).
- ▶ Use the DPR form HSA-118 (Pesticide Use Reporting For School And Child Care Employees) which is available on the DPR School IPM Website (<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/enforce/prenffrm/dpr-hsa-118.pdf>).

COMPLETE ANNUAL IPM TRAINING

Center staff who apply pesticides (including antimicrobials) are required to take a DPR-approved training course before applying pesticides, and renew annually.

- ▶ Annual IPM training is required for the IPM coordinator and anyone who will apply pesticides (including sanitizers, disinfectants, and disinfecting wipes) at the center.
- ▶ Designated IPM Coordinators must take training even if they do not apply pesticides themselves.
- ▶ DPR offers free, online training courses on the DPR School IPM website (apps.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm/training/main.cfm).
- ▶ Centers can request a DVD-version of the Basic course, if they wish to conduct group training.

HSA EXEMPT AND NON-EXEMPT PESTICIDES

PESTICIDES NOT EXEMPT FROM THE HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT

All HSA requirements apply to pesticides such as foggers and sprays. Foggers and sprays are less effective because they:

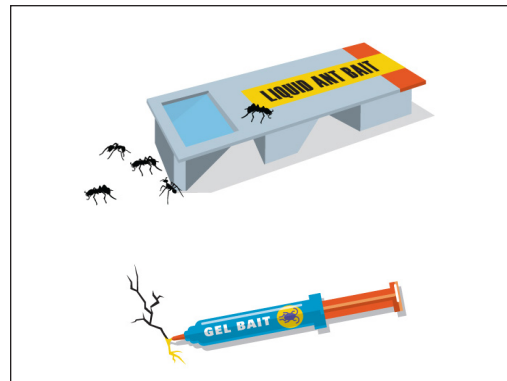
- ▶ do not last very long;
- ▶ kill pests you can see, but do not kill the nest or pests hiding and breeding in out-of-the-way places;
- ▶ can spread pesticides throughout and expose children, staff and others.



PESTICIDES EXEMPT FROM THE HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT

Some pesticide products, such as self-contained baits and gels, are exempt from HSA notification, posting, and reporting requirements. Traps, baits and gels provide better long-term control of pests because:

- ▶ pests take the pesticide back to the nest or hiding places where it kills the whole colony;
- ▶ the pesticide is contained and does not expose children, staff and others;
- ▶ they last longer than sprays.



RESOURCES

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, List of Minimum Risk Pesticides www2.epa.gov/minimum-risk-pesticides/active-ingredients-allowed-minimum-risk-pesticide-products
- California Department of Pesticide Regulation, Healthy Schools Act http://apps.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm/school_ipm_law/main.cfm
- California Childcare Health Program, The Healthy Schools Act cchp.ucsf.edu/HSA-CUR

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