PESTICIDE TOXICITY: WHAT'S THE SIGNAL WORD?

The signal word warns you about a product's short-term toxicity before it's diluted. It tells you the pesticide's ability to harm human health. Pesticide labels use three signal words: CAUTION, WARNING, or DANGER. If you are searching for less toxic pesticides, look for CAUTION on the label.

THERE ARE 3 SIGNAL WORDS:





Products that are highly toxic by ingestion, skin absorption, or inhalation must also include the word "POISON" next to DANGER, with a skull and crossbones symbol.



Always read and follow all label directions.

EPA requires signal words be printed on the front of labels in capital letters.

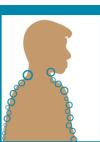
Signal words refer to the entire product, not just the pest-controlling active ingredients.

Can't find the signal word or have other questions about health and safety? Call NPIC @ 800-858-7378 from 8am-12pm PT M-F.











Pesticides can poison you if you eat them, breathe them in, or get them on your skin and eyes. Even products that are less toxic, natural, or organic can be hazardous. It depends on how much and where someone is exposed.