

Safe Systems of Work

Insecticidal Treatment

(only use as per product instructions)

- a) Sign in at Reception/Security and ask for the site contact.
- b) Determine what insects are to be treated from information passed to you and evidence found during an inspection.
- c) Carry out your own risk assessment prior to carrying out any treatment, particularly noting how personnel and the clients operations may be affected by a treatment. (If in doubt, speak to the client or your manager. If doubt remains, arrange to come back and treat at a more appropriate time). Obtain a 'permit to work' if required.
- d) If safe to proceed, select the correct insecticide/s for use.
- e) Put on the correct protective clothing specified on the container label or safety data sheet.
- f) Measure out the insecticide and water, if required, as stated on the insecticide container label (this should be carried out in a sheltered area, away from unprotected personnel).
- g) Place water in sprayer and add insecticide (alternatively you may be fogging or dusting, in which case add insecticide to the relevant piece of equipment).
- h) Screw plunger back into sprayer and shake well to mix thoroughly.
- i) Inspect area to be sprayed/fogged/dusted.
- j) Ensure (if treatment requires it) that no other unprotected personnel are present and that any open food ingredients or machinery not to be treated is removed from the area or properly covered so that there is no possibility of contamination by insecticide.
- k) If the treatment requires it, then place warning notices at the entrances to the area.
- l) Ensure that surfaces to be treated are clean.
- m) Commence spraying/fogging/dusting. Ensure that the correct amount of insecticide is used for the volume treated.
- n) Do not remove warning notices until surfaces are dry.
- o) If any surplus insecticide is left and not needed, spray on outside wall surfaces away from pedestrian traffic (do not pour down drains). In the case of U.L.V or other oil based sprays or dusts, surplus insecticide should be returned to its original container.
- p) Search the area sprayed for any dead insects and remove them.

- q) Thoroughly wash out sprayer, hose and nozzle.
- r) Remove protective clothing, wash and dry. Overalls should be laundered once a week or more often if contaminated with insecticide.
- s) Wash hands, face and any other exposed skin as soon as the job is done and before eating, drinking, smoking or starting other work.
- t) Once you are satisfied that everything is in safe condition after carrying out your work, then any 'permit to work' should be signed off.
- u) The client contact should be advised of any 'unusual' circumstances and the precautions necessary following a treatment.
- v) Sign out of premises.
- w) Your preparations and equipment should be safely stowed in your vehicle and your personal protective equipment kept separate from all pesticides.

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