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Why is it important to protect our families from pesticides?

Children are more vulnerable.

- Children are more easily exposed to pesticides because of their small bodies and behaviors.
- Sometimes, without realizing it, a parent can expose his or her child to pesticides.

Pesticides are dangerous.

- Pesticides are chemicals that are used to kill insects and weeds.
- Pesticides are used in the fields and also in our homes.
- These chemicals can make us sick, even kill us.

Exposure is constant.

- Contact with pesticides can occur throughout the day.
- Exposure to pesticides sometimes happens without us realizing.
- You can be exposed at work or at home with the family.

Do your part!

- Everyone at home can be affected by pesticide residue.
- Parents, teachers, and children can all help to reduce the risk of pesticide exposure around families.

Another tip to protect your family from pesticides...Write your own!

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How can we protect our families from pesticides?

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Protect your family from pesticides…

It's easy!

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Clean thoroughly the places where pesticide residues can be found. ☐

Bathe with shampoo and soap directly after working. ☐

Remove work boots before entering the house. ☐

Wash your work clothes separately from the family's clothes. ☐

Mark the box when the step has become part of your family's routine. ☑

Wash fruits and vegetables before eating them. ☐

Have the whole family wash their hands before eating, drinking, or going to the bathroom. ☐

Prevent insects from entering your home by sealing cracks and keeping the house clean and dry. ☐

Do not bring agricultural pesticides home. ☐

Avoid areas where pesticides are being sprayed. ☐

Keep all cleaning and pesticide products outside of children's reach. ☐

Close windows, turn off ventilators, and cover outside equipment when pesticides are being sprayed near your house. ☐