

# WHAT ABOUT CHILD CARE PROPERTY OWNERS?



**Do you own or manage a property where a child care facility is located?  
Do you have a pest control, landscape or custodial  
service contract, or do you apply pesticides yourself?**

A California law called the Healthy Schools Act requires you to follow certain rules when anyone applies pesticides at the child care facility. Under the law, a child care facility includes buildings, play areas, and a 10-foot buffer surrounding any areas regularly used by children.

**The rules apply to you, your outside contractors, as well as the child care staff, and must be followed even when children are not there.**

**Pesticides include anything used to kill or prevent pests such as bugs (insecticides), weeds (herbicides), rodents (rodenticides), and even germs (disinfectants).**

## **IF YOU HIRE AN OUTSIDE CONTRACTOR TO APPLY PESTICIDES, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO:**

- Tell the contractor that there is a child care facility located on the property and that the Healthy Schools Act requirements must be followed
- Provide the child care facility with an annual list of all pesticides expected to be used by the contractor
- Notify the child care 120 hours (5 days) before any contractor plans to make a pesticide application and provide the product name, manufacturer, active ingredient, EPA registration number, intended date of application, areas of application, and reason for application

## **IF YOU APPLY PESTICIDES YOURSELF, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO:**

- Take a DPR-approved Healthy Schools Act training course before applying a pesticide and annually thereafter
- Provide the child care facility with an annual list of all pesticides you expect to use
- Notify the child care facility 120 hours (5 days) before you plan to make a pesticide application and provide the product name, manufacturer, active ingredient, EPA registration number, intended date of application, areas of application, and reason for application
- Report all pesticides applied during the year to DPR by January 30th using form DPR-HSA-118 available at <https://apps.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm/>

Some types of pesticides only require training, and do not require notifying or reporting. These include antimicrobials (disinfectants, such as bleach), self-contained baits or traps, gels or pastes used as crack and crevice treatments, and pesticides exempt from registration with U.S. EPA (25(b) products).

## **WE WANT TO HELP YOU COMPLY WITH THE LAW!**

For more information on the Healthy Schools Act requirements:



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