

## Suggested Information Sheet for Schools or Child Day Care Centers to Provide to Parents Regarding the Healthy Schools Act of 2000

As of January 1, 2007, the Healthy Schools Act (as amended by Assembly Bill 2865, Chapter 865, Statutes of 2006) requires public schools and child day care centers to notify parents, guardian, and employees about pesticides used in their schools and day care centers. [Family day care homes are exempt from the requirements of this law.] The law also requires the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to promote the voluntary adoption of integrated pest management (IPM) practices in California schools, child day care centers, and family day care homes.

Each school district and child day care center is to implement the following requirements of the law:

- **Annual notification.** Each school district and child day care center shall provide notification of all pesticide products (except those that are exempt<sup>1</sup>) the school district or child day care center expects will be applied in the upcoming year to parents or guardians of children who attend the school or child day care center. These products include over-the-counter pesticides available at retail outlets, as well as those that are applied by licensed pest control businesses. The notification must list the active ingredients in each pesticide product and the Department of Pesticide Regulation's (DPR) School IPM Web site (<http://www.schoolipm.info>), which provides additional information.
- **Registry.** Each school or child day care center shall provide the opportunity for interested staff and parents or guardians to register with the school or day care center if they want to be notified about individual pesticide applications before they occur.
- **Warning signs.** Each school district or child day care center shall post warning signs at each area of the site where pesticides will be applied. These signs are posted 24 hours before and 72 hours after applications and should be sufficient, in the site's opinion, to restrict uninformed access to treated areas.
- **Recordkeeping.** Each school or child day care center shall maintain records of all pesticide use at the site for four years and make the records available to the public upon request.

For more information, contact your local school district or your child day care center.

DPR's School IPM Program promotes and facilitates the voluntary adoption of IPM programs at public schools, child day care centers, and family day care homes.

- DPR developed a model school IPM program guidebook that reflects conditions in California.
- DPR has established and maintains a Web site that functions as a comprehensive directory of IPM resources.
- DPR assists school districts, child day care centers, and family day care homes to establish IPM policies and programs.

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<sup>1</sup> The exemption applies to a pesticide product deployed in the form of a self-contained bait or trap, to gel or paste deployed as a crack and crevice treatment, to any pesticide exempted from regulation by the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. Sec. 136 et seq.), or to antimicrobial pesticides, including sanitizers and disinfectants. For more information, visit DPR's School IPM Web site, [www.schoolipm.info](http://www.schoolipm.info), and click on "Pesticides Exempted under the Healthy Schools Act" in the right-hand column.

- DPR offers IPM training for public school districts, child day care centers, and family day care homes.

To find out more about these resources and pest management, visit DPR's School IPM Web site at [www.schoolipm.info](http://www.schoolipm.info) or e-mail DPR at [school-ipm@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:school-ipm@cdpr.ca.gov).

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