

## The Importance of Proper

### Pesticide Storage

- ◆ 1 of 4 pesticide related deaths involve children accidentally being poisoned.
- ◆ Pesticides can pose a potential terrorist threat.
- ◆ Pesticides are valuable and can easily re-sold.
- ◆ Pesticides can be dangerous to the environment and wildlife.
- ◆ Improper storage conditions can compromise the integrity of certain pesticides



- ◆ Reduce the possibility of misplacing a pesticide.
- ◆ Help ensure that the pesticides are being used by properly trained individuals.



**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF  
CHILDREN**

**DANGER POISON**

## Guidelines for Proper

### Pesticide Storage

- ◆ Keep pesticides and pesticide containers covered or otherwise protected from the elements.
- ◆ Store personal protective equipment separate from pesticides.
- ◆ Store pesticides in their original containers.
- ◆ Keep original labels intact and readable.
- ◆ Do not store pesticides within 100 feet of a water well.
- ◆ Post warning signs on pesticide storage areas.
- ◆ Store pesticides separate from food, feed, seed and fertilizers.

**Know Your  
Inventory!!**

- ◆ Keep your pesticide storage area clean and orderly.
- ◆ Keep spill control supplies in or near the storage area.
- ◆ Keep storage areas locked and well ventilated.
- ◆ Maintain updated copies of Material Safety Data Sheets for pesticide products.

## Pesticide Security

- ◆ Report missing pesticides to local authorities immediately.
- ◆ Limit access to pesticide storage keys.
- ◆ Keep an updated list of pesticides in storage.
- ◆ Inspect storage regularly.
- ◆ Use perimeter lighting around your storage area.

**Keep Your Storage Area  
Locked At All Times!!**

### Application Equipment Security

- ◆ Never leave ignition keys in or on equipment or vehicles.
- ◆ Avoid leaving vehicles and equipment outside when not in use.
- ◆ Keep pesticide containers in a locked storage bin when away from your vehicle.
- ◆ Do not transport pesticides inside the cab of a truck.
- ◆ Secure empty containers during transportation.

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## Internet Sites:

U.S. Office of Homeland Security

[http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc\\_1169501486179.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc_1169501486179.shtm)

National Pesticide Information Center

[www.npic.orst.edu](http://www.npic.orst.edu)

EPA Pesticide Storage and Disposal

[www.epa.gov/pesticides/regulating/storage.htm](http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/regulating/storage.htm)

North Carolina "Terrorism Threat Vulnerability Self

Assessment Tool"

[http://www.ncagr.gov/oep/AgCommunity/BioTerror\\_Assessment.htm](http://www.ncagr.gov/oep/AgCommunity/BioTerror_Assessment.htm)

## Anhydrous Ammonia Security

- ◆ Anhydrous ammonia container appearances shall be protected against tampering and physical damage.
- ◆ Lock all anhydrous ammonia tank valves.
- ◆ Lock all fill stations to prevent tampering.
- ◆ Lock all nurse tanks in a gated area to prevent theft.



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# Ag Chemical Storage



## and Security

**Recommendations for Pesticide  
Dealers, Farmers, Commercial  
and Private Applicators**

***Protect Yourself from the Theft and Loss***



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