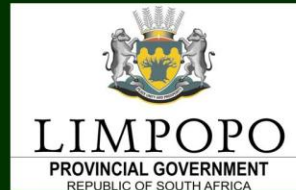


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For additional resources on pesticide safety and
responsible use call AVCASA

Call the Griffon Poison Information Centre for advice on:

- Human and animal poisoning
- Pesticide emergencies
- Pesticide misuse
- Crimes conducted with pesticides

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Responsible use of pesticides—the key to sustainable food production and public health

Pesticides are essential tools in sustainable food production and public health maintenance. Without pesticides food production will be threatened by pests and diseases. Vector borne diseases like malaria and sleeping sickness would have threatened the lives of millions of people had it not been for pesticides that control malaria mosquitoes and tsetse flies. Rodent outbreaks are effectively managed by rodenticides to curb bubonic plague and other diseases transmitted by rats.



Responsible pesticide use — who is accountable?

Responsible pesticide use starts with you — the very person who uses the pesticide. It takes a little effort to read the label and follow the instructions. Adhering to the label instructions is what makes pesticide use responsible. Doing anything with a pesticide that is not indicated on the label is not only an offence but it also turns the product into a dangerous weapon against all living organisms.



Responsible pesticide use — whom are you accountable to?

Using a pesticide means that you intend to kill or control a pest or disease. Is your intention to poison people and the environment? Certainly not! Then you should understand that when using a pesticide you are accountable to all living organisms! Be responsible—don't kill them by using pesticides irresponsibly.

Responsible pesticide use — what shouldn't you do?

Don't do anything that is not indicated on the label. Don't contaminate the environment by using any more than the recommended dosage. Don't rinse containers in water bodies. Don't ever re-use empty pesticide containers—destroy them after triple rinsing. Don't bury old pesticides — even worse is to burn such old products. Don't use pesticides without appropriate protective clothing. Don't store pesticides where children and unskilled people can gain access to it. Don't allow children to use pesticides. Don't decant pesticides into unmarked containers. Don't use pesticides that are not labelled properly. Don't use banned or cancelled pesticides. Don't do anything with pesticides that may harm the environment or people!



Pesticides may only be used for the specific purposes and in the specific manner as described on the label of the container.

Failing to comply with the label instructions is a contravention of Act No. 36 of 1947 and will lead to prosecution!!

Always read the label!!
When in doubt call the registration holder of the product on the telephone number indicated on the label. You can also call AVCASA on 011-805-2000 for support.