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Pesticide Use at Schools

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There are special requirements to ensure safe, legal use of pesticides at schools.

First, applicators must be trained and certified. Second, parents must be notified prior to using pesticides.

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Any product with an EPA registration number on the label is considered a pesticide. This includes both indoor and outdoor products such as;

- Insect control
- Rodent control
- Weed killer, including “weed and feed” type products

This also includes any sanitizer, cleaner, disinfectant, or surface spray that is labeled as **anti-bacterial or anti-microbial**.

Anyone who applies pesticides (except for anti-bacterial type products) anywhere on school grounds **must be a certified, licensed pesticide applicator**. To become certified, applicators must successfully complete the required training course and pass an examination. 18 AAC 90.300

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A person may apply antibacterial pesticides and sanitizers at a school without being a certified, licensed pesticide applicator. However, it is very important to follow these tips to ensure safe use:

- ✓ Use only products registered for use in the state of Alaska. You can check registration status on the DEC pesticide website.
- ✓ Use products only for purposes specifically stated on the product label.
- ✓ Follow all directions on the product label EXACTLY.
- ✓ When mixing sanitizing solutions, make sure to use the right concentration. Too low a concentration won't effectively sanitize; too high a concentration can be dangerous.

There are also specific requirements for **notifying parents or guardians** and **posting written notices prior to applying pesticides** at a school (except for anti-bacterial type products). Applicators will learn more about these requirements through the required training and certification program. 18 AAC 90.625

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Please make sure that your school is in compliance with these important regulations.

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