

Common Ways You Are Exposed to Pesticides in Daily Life

Home pest control

Do you use products in your home to kill fleas, cockroaches, ants, earwigs, flies, wasps, bees, termites, carpenter ants, silverfish, or spiders?

Exterminators

Have you hired an exterminator to rid your house of pests? Has your home been treated for termites or carpenter ants?

Apartments

Do you live in an apartment that is sprayed with pesticides by the building management?

Condo

Do you live in a condominium where the grounds are maintained by a landscaping service that uses weed killers and insect killers?

Garden

Do you use insect killers or weed killers in your garden? Do you plant tulip or daffodil bulbs with your bare hands? (Most floral bulbs have been drenched with fungicides before being sold.)

Lawn care

Do you use lawn fertilizers that have weed killers (which are herbicides) to get rid of crabgrass and other weeds? Have you hired a lawn service to keep your yard and lawn free of weeds and insects? Do you allow children or pets to play in pesticide-treated grass?

Do Pesticides Cause Lymphoma?



Neighbors

Do your neighbors spray their shrubs, trees, or lawns?
(Sprays allow pesticides to drift beyond property lines.)

Workplace

Is your workplace treated with pesticides? (Many managers of office buildings and public buildings hire commercial exterminators to spray at regular intervals.)

Public areas

Do you use a park, golf course, playing field, or other public area? (Many parks and public areas, and virtually all golf courses, are treated with weed killers and/or insecticides. So are the green spaces near roads and highways.)

Drinking water

Do you drink water from a private well or public source that contains pesticides? (Don't assume that your city tap water is free of pesticides).

Hotels and motels

Do you stay in hotels or motels? (Most hotels and motels regularly spray the rooms with pesticides.

Certain foods

Do you eat fish caught in lakes (such as the Great Lakes) or streams that are contaminated with pesticides?