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Pesticide label - how to read it (288)



Diagram. FAO safety pictograms for pesticide labels.



Pesticide label for Attack (top or central panel): common and chemical names, what is in the product, what it is used for, as well as the risks involved in using it.

The middle or left panel of the Attack pesticide label contains detailed directions for use. It includes sections for:

- Directions for Use:** Instructions on how to apply the product to various crops and pests.
- Application:** Details on the concentration and volume of the product to be used.
- Precautions:** Safety instructions for the user and the environment.
- First Aid:** Instructions on what to do in case of exposure.
- Disposal:** Instructions on how to dispose of the product and its packaging.

Pesticide label for Attack (middle or left panel): Directions for use - how to use the chemical, rates, and how to apply it.

The lower or right panel of the Attack pesticide label contains safety precautions, first aid, and disposal instructions. It includes sections for:

- Precautions:** Instructions on how to handle the product safely.
- First Aid:** Instructions on what to do in case of exposure to the product.
- Disposal:** Instructions on how to dispose of the product and its packaging.

Pesticide label for Attack (lower or right panel): Safety precautions, first aid and disposal.

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