

# Farm Workers' **Pesticide Safety**

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Pesticides are useful in keeping crops and farm animals healthy. Pesticides kill insects, weeds and plant diseases. When not used carefully pesticides can hurt pets, wildlife, crops and even you and your family.

This booklet is designed to help you keep your family, your pets and you from being poisoned by pesticides.

# DANGERS TO 1. Living Quarters

Ask the boss if  
living quarters are SAFE  
if near fields or  
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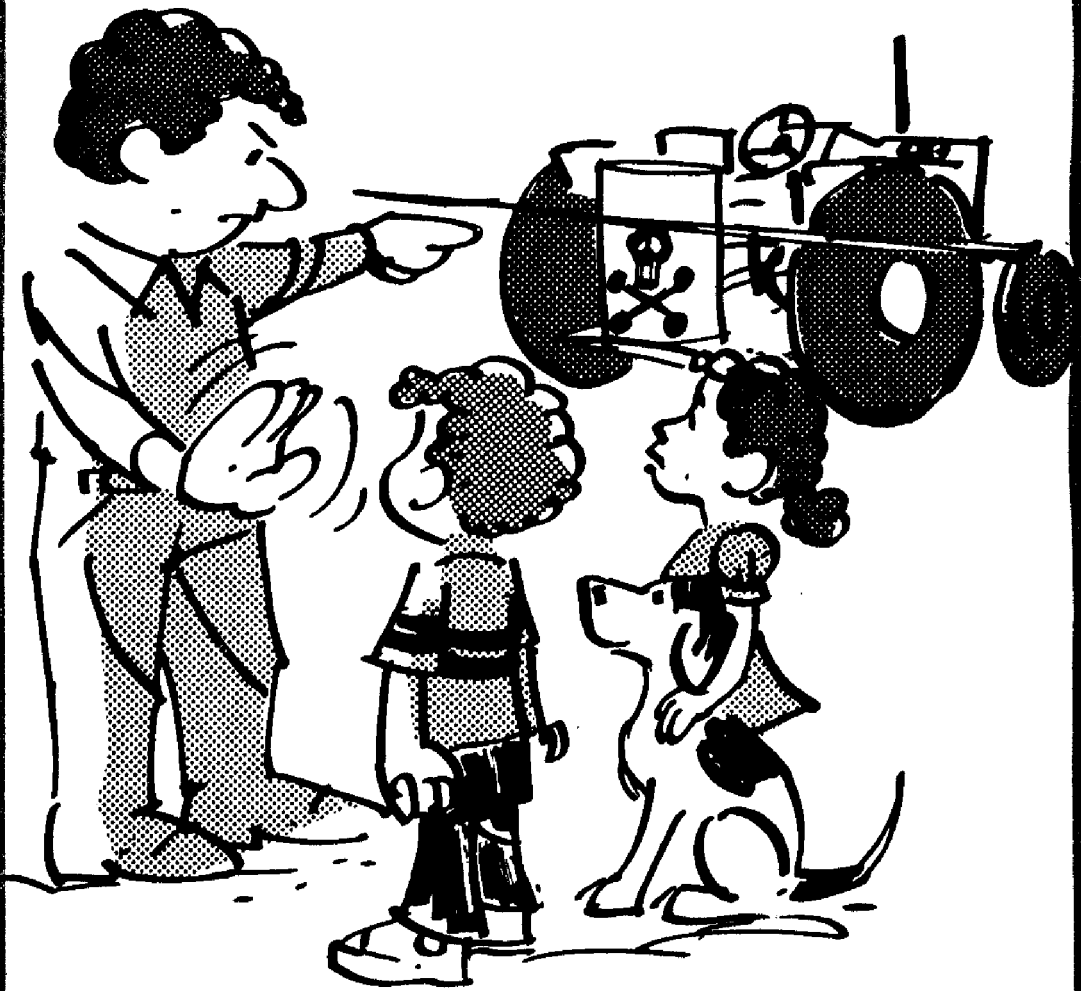




When nearby fields  
are being sprayed,  
close your windows!

Keep children,  
pets and playthings where  
spray  
will not  
land on  
them.



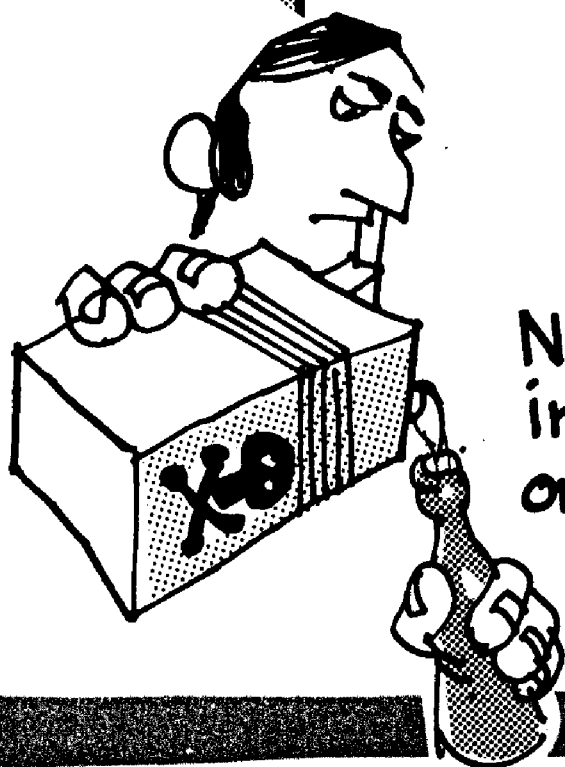


Don't let children or pets  
play on pesticide equipment  
or in storage areas.

Teach children to  
wash fruits and  
vegetables from  
the  
fields.



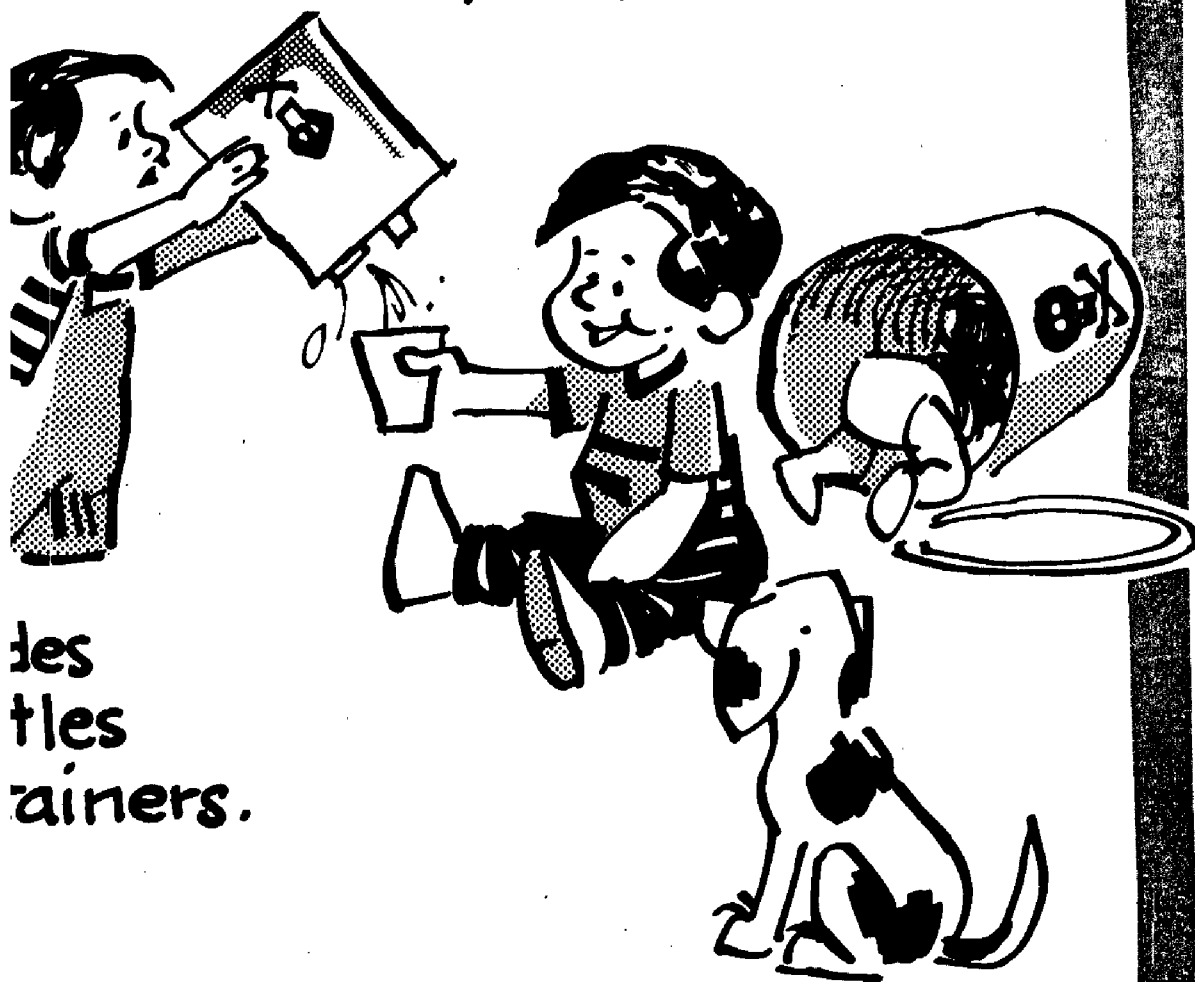
Never use old  
pesticide  
containers to hold  
drinking  
water.



Never put pestic  
in empty pop bo  
or other food cor

# NO NO NO!

Keep all pesticide containers away from children. Even empty ones may be poisonous.

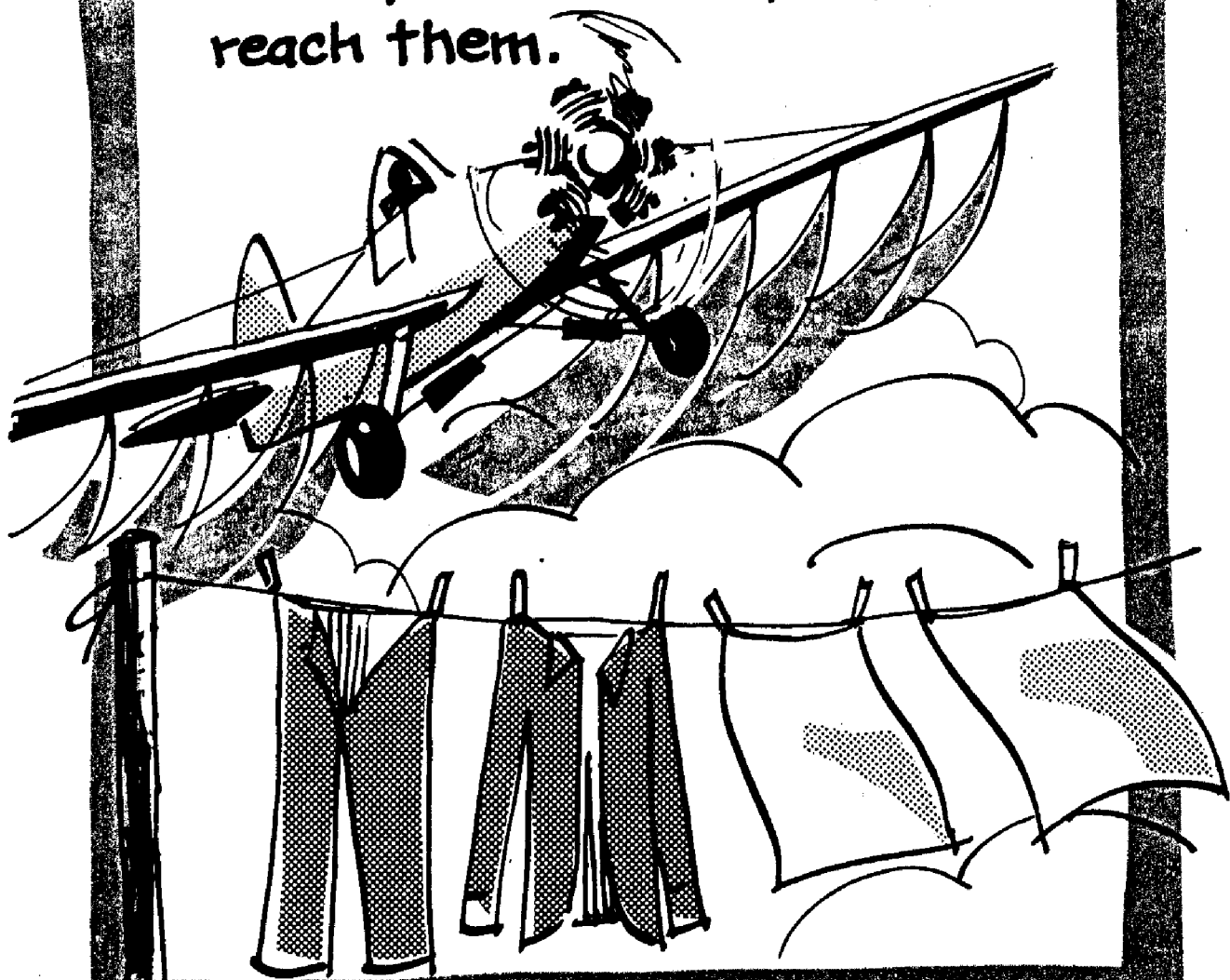


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ainers.

Clothing worn in sprayed  
fields should NEVER be done  
with the family wash.

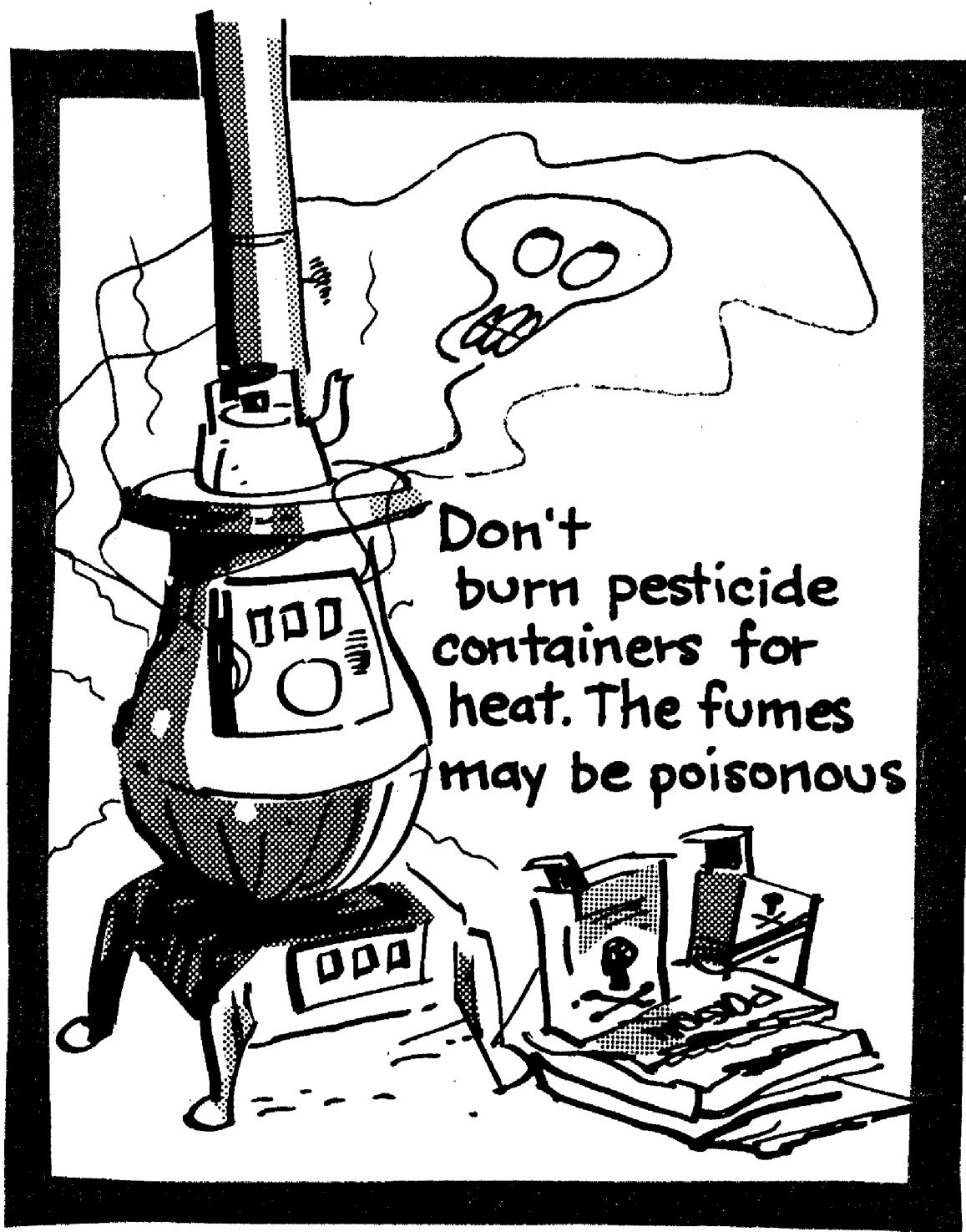


Don't hang laundered clothes  
or diapers where spray can  
reach them.



Never sleep in a room where pesticides are stored!





## **DANGERS IN 2. Treated Fields**



**Before you start work in a  
field, make sure it is SAFE!  
Check with the boss.**

Wear protective  
clothing. The boss  
will know  
when it's  
necessary.



Wash hands before  
eating or smoking.



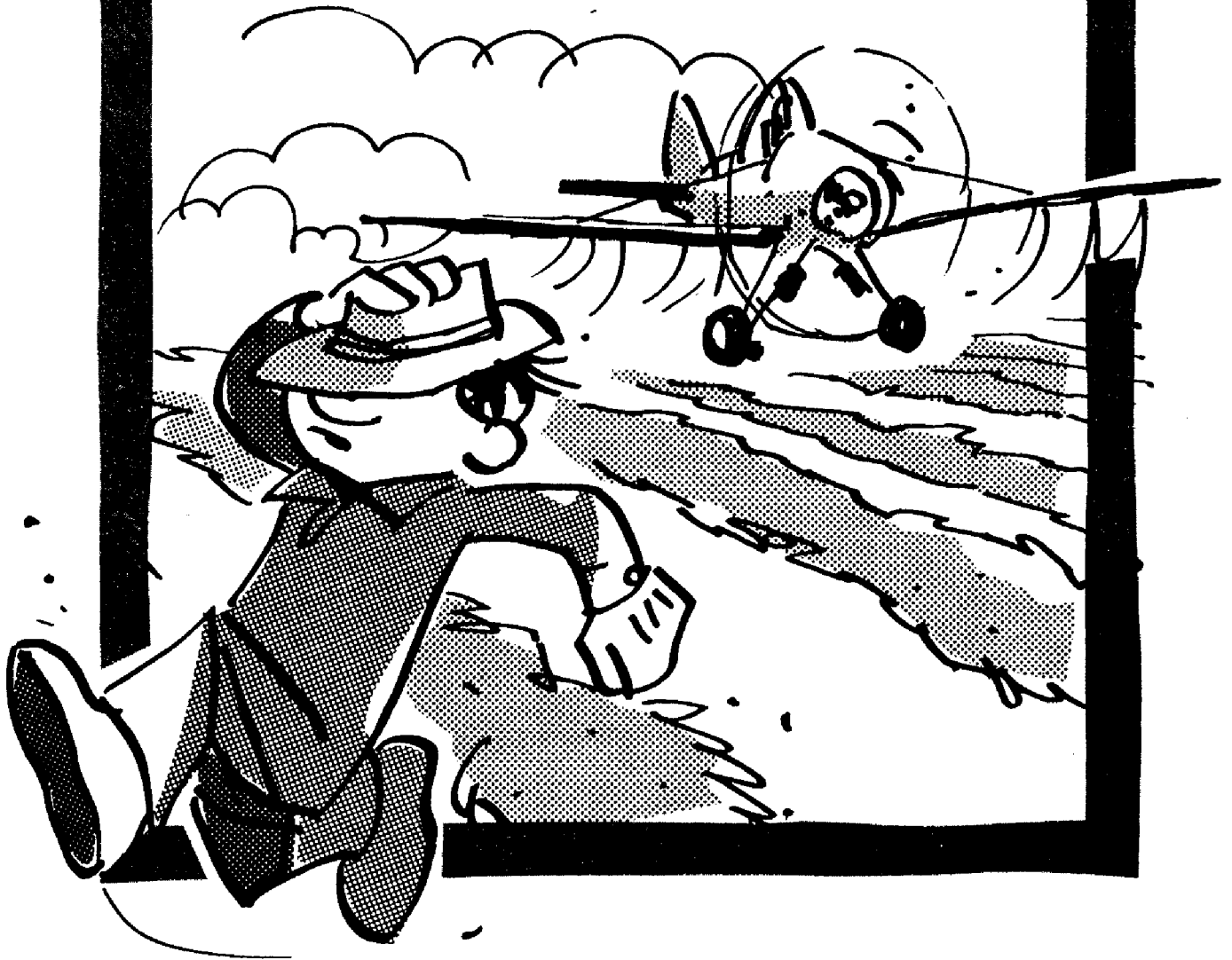
Don't carry  
lunch or  
beverages into  
a sprayed  
field.

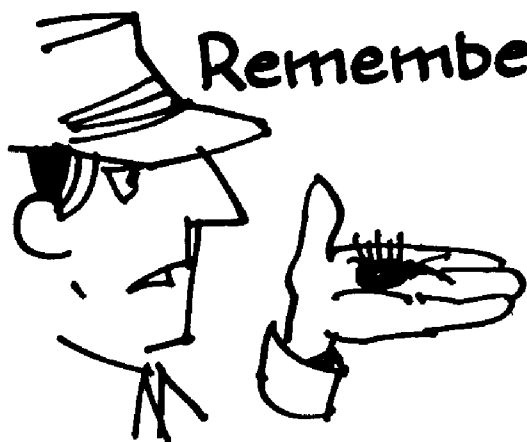


Don't eat or  
smoke in a  
sprayed  
field.



Don't stay in a field being  
sprayed. Ask the boss when  
it's safe to return.

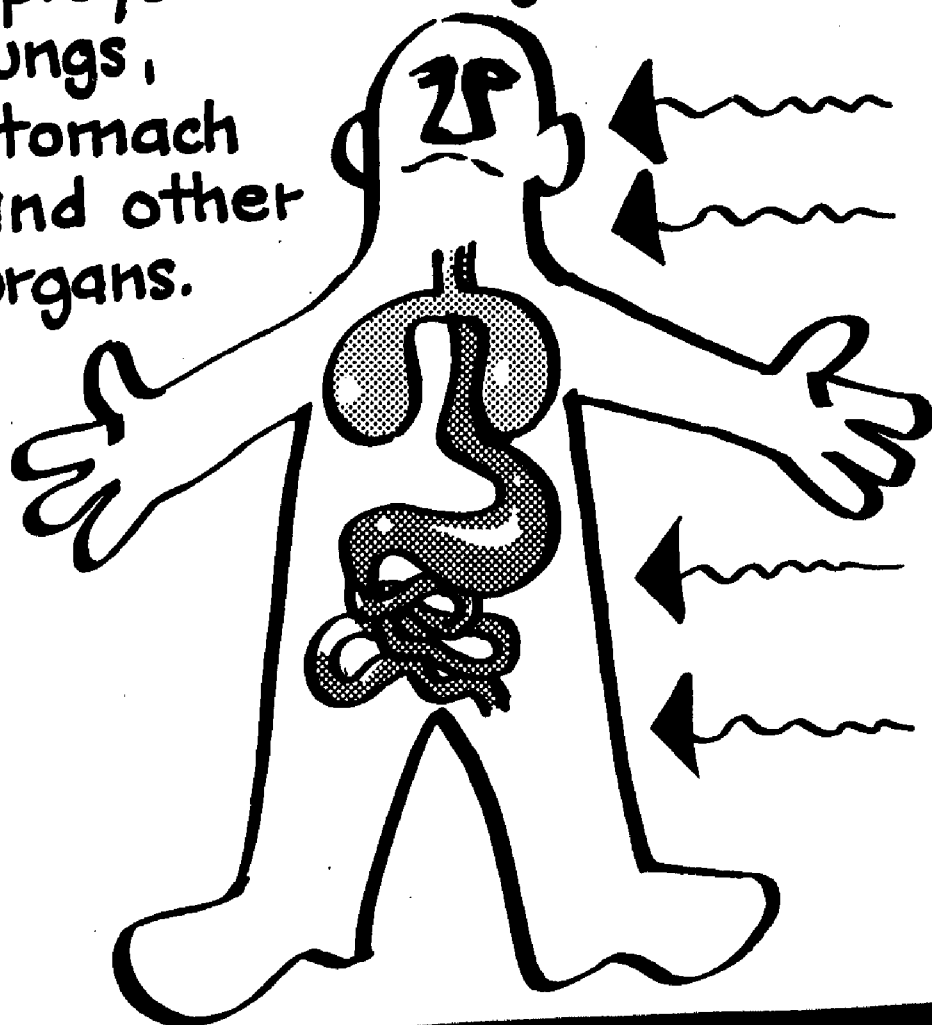




Remember....

the spray that  
kills bugs and  
disease can hurt  
you, too!

Sprays can damage skin,  
lungs,  
stomach  
and other  
organs.



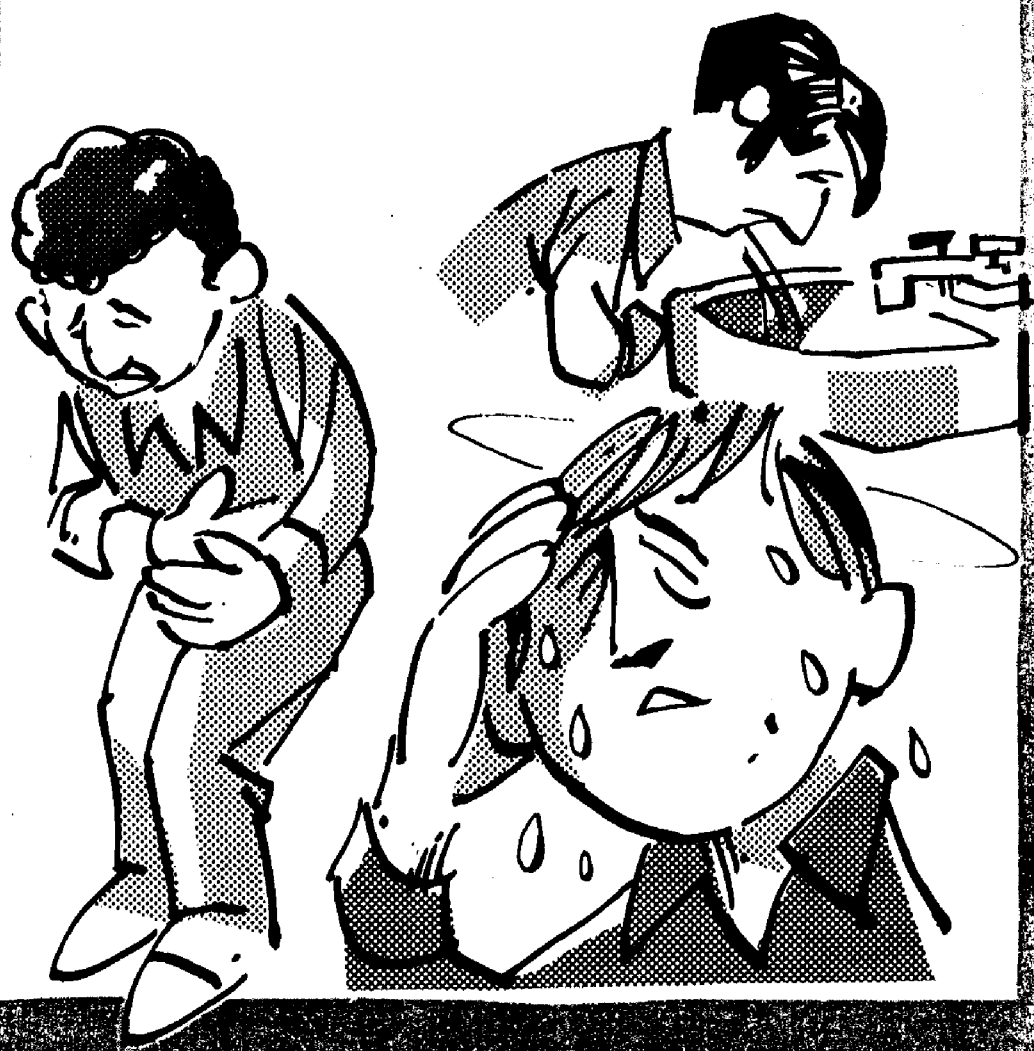
If you feel sick:

Tell the boss and ask him to  
write down the name of  
the pesticide!

Get to a doctor right away!!!



Pesticide poisoning can feel  
like many other sicknesses  
Let the doctor decide!





After work in  
Sprayed Fields...  
Wash thoroughly  
and  
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me  
in  
Clean  
Clothes.

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