

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

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Working with pesticides is hazardous; protect yourself by using appropriate PPE.

Learn your Label

The label provides safety information for product use. Remember, it is a federal violation to not use products as specified on the label.



Example: Label information for;

Trimec Classic herbicide (EPA Reg. # 2217-543)

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

All mixers, loaders, applicators and other handlers must wear*:

- protective eyewear*
- long-sleeved shirt, long pants, shoes and socks
- chemical-resistant gloves
- chemical-resistant apron when mixing and loading,

cleaning up spills or equipment, or otherwise exposed to the concentrate.

Applicators may choose not to wear protective eyewear with dilution rates greater (higher) than 5:1 or greater (higher) than 5 parts water to 1 part product.

Financial penalties

Due to potential safety hazards and health risks associated with lack of proper PPE, inspectors will document noncompliance which may result in enforcement and possible financial penalties.

Statutory authority

Follow the link below to read Minnesota Statute 18B.07, Subd. 2. (a) (1)

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=18B.07>

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Inspection questions and observations

A *Use Inspection* is when an MDA inspector stops by to observe as you apply a weed, lawn or pesticide product.

Is PPE according to label instructions? If you are not wearing PPE specified on the label, you will be issued an Order (example listed below) to cease and desist until proper PPE is obtained.

PPE Violations and ORDERS

Order to comply A person applying pesticide must obtain PPE required by the label before applying pesticides.



Violations: Missing pants, gloves and long sleeves



Violation: Missing gloves



Meets all PPE requirements
pants, long sleeves, safety
glasses and gloves



Safety glasses: Must include brow/temple
protection.