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POLICY

It is the policy of Johns Hopkins to restrict the use of chemical pesticides in all buildings. All pesticides utilized at Johns Hopkins shall have approval of the Department of Health, Safety and Environment. All pesticides within Johns Hopkins shall be applied in a manner which conforms with guidelines established in this document and with guidelines established by the manufacturer on the material safety data sheet (MSDS). All pesticides shall be stored, handled and disposed in accordance with this policy, and in accordance with federal and state regulations as set forth by Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

No pesticide shall be applied in an occupied patient room. No pesticide shall be applied in any area with exposed food, medication or patient care supplies. No pesticide shall be applied prophylactically in any occupied area, and every attempt shall be made to prevent the exposure of patients, staff, visitors and students to pesticides. In the event that non-chemical pest control methods fail and chemical pesticides are utilized, the treated area shall be posted with a warning sign that includes information on the chemical utilized and restrictions regarding re-entry.

REFERENCES

- Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide (FIFRA) Act of 1947
- US Department of Agriculture, Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA)
- US Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1991
- Johns Hopkins Safety Manual: Management of Hazardous Chemicals, HSE 703

PROCEDURES

Contacts for Pest Control Issues

	JHH	School of Medicine	School of Public Health	Homewood
Pests in Food Service Area	Nutrition x5-5575	Facilities x5-3323	Facilities x5-3451	Dining Services x6-8192
Pests in all other areas	Environmental Services x5-5714	Facilities x5-3323	Facilities x5-3451	Plant Operations x6-8060
Pesticide Information	Health, Safety and Environment x5-5918	Health, Safety and Environment x5-5918	Health, Safety and Environment x5-5918	Health, Safety and Environment x5-5918

RESPONSIBILITIES

Health, Safety and Environment

1. Review all chemicals utilized as pesticides prior to use and on an annual basis.
2. Investigate all reports of misapplication of pesticides and all reports of exposure to pesticides.
3. Maintain and update this policy as required.
4. Maintain current MSDS for all pesticides.

Departments Contracting Pest Control Operators

1. Manage the contract for a licensed pest control operator.
2. Verify that the contracted pest control operator utilizes pesticides in accordance with this policy and with state and local regulations.
3. Provide HSE with an application schedule and notify HSE when unscheduled applications are to occur.

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Pest Control Operators at Johns Hopkins

1. Maintain valid Maryland Pest Control Operator's license.
2. Utilize integrated pest management techniques to minimize chemical usage. Apply pesticides in accordance with this policy and with state and local regulations.
3. Report all pest activity on a timely basis to contracting department.
4. Provide HSE with MSDS' for all products used at the Institution.

REVIEW CYCLE

Annually