

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture has developed a tool to assess threat vulnerability. It can be found at www.ncagr.com/industry_self-assessment.doc

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on rules, regulations and recommendations regarding agrichemical security or if you suspect these products are not being used correctly, contact:

**Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Bureau of Compliance Monitoring
Pesticide Certification Section
3125 Conner Blvd, Bldg 8 (L-29)
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650
Phone: (850) 488-3314**

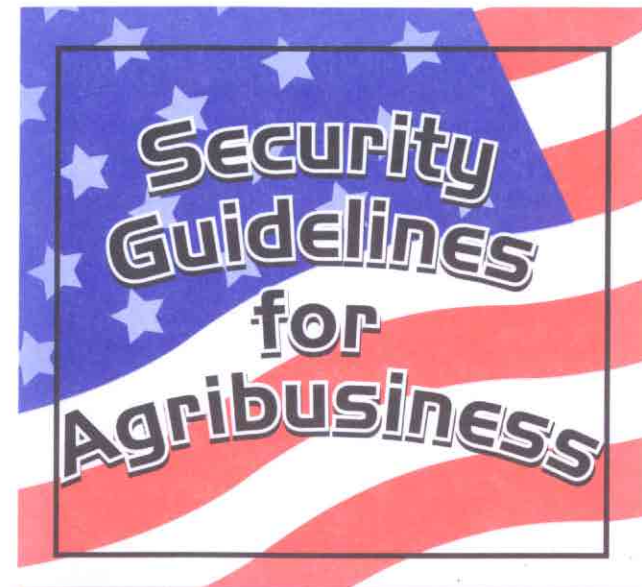
Other numbers to call:

**Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Law Enforcement Division
1-800-342-5869**

**Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Security Hotline
1-800-342-0820**

**Or visit our website at:
www.safepesticideuse.com**

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Guidelines for agrichemical users, dealers and distributors to assist in maintaining secure operations in a post 9/11 era

The events of 9/11 have reshaped the landscape of our lives like no other event in recent history. We all must now maintain a higher level of vigilance to undermine the activities of potential saboteurs. For agrichemical professionals and anyone that has access to or is responsible for large amounts of toxic substances including agricultural chemicals, this principle is no exception. It is the responsibility of us all to uphold a high standard of adherence to accepted guidelines in order to maintain as high a level of security as possible.

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QUESTIONS TO ASK OF YOUR ESTABLISHMENT TO ASSESS RISKS

- What is the threat (theft, sabotage, attack)?
- How might illegal activity such as theft be carried out?
- Is the threat internal or external?
- Are containers of particularly hazardous products easily accessible?
- For immobile containers of particularly hazardous products, is there a potential for siphoning?
- Are unauthorized people allowed on the property?
- Are unauthorized persons escorted while on the property and required to log in and out?
- Are background checks performed on employees?
- Are employees aware of the security risks associated with the storage of agrichemicals?
- Is there a potential for theft of electronic information that could result in security breaches?

Paying particular attention to these basic questions may help you realize where potential security breaches exist and allow you to combat them specifically.

**AUTHORIZED
PERSONNEL ONLY
BEYOND
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LIMITED ACCESS

The best way to maintain tight security is by limiting access to products and storage areas. Follow these important steps to help maintain tight security.

- Keep product areas locked as often as practically possible.
- Control accessibility to keys for locked areas.
- When possible, lock storage, mixing and holding tanks to prevent siphoning.
- Establish a procedure for locking up at the close of business.
- Install or construct lockable barriers to protect inventory such as steel doors, barred windows, access gates and fences.
- Use layers of protection that provide multiple barriers against theft.

SUSPICIOUS INDIVIDUALS

Maintain awareness of anyone demonstrating suspicious behavior including those who:

- Seem unfamiliar with agriculture or agrichemicals.
- Are unauthorized and simply “hang around” or seem to be scoping out the premises.
- Insist on paying in cash, especially for large purchases.
- Refuse to take delivery.
- Are unwilling to present an ID to complete the sale or confirm licensure.
- Seem anxious or uneasy when asked questions regarding their intent.

Also, remember to:

- Ask for proof of licensure if a customer is purchasing a Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP).
- Ask for picture ID to confirm identities.
- Be aware of personal identity theft for customers and employees. Examine all forms of ID carefully.
- Keep all required documentation for RUP purchases.
- Require a signature for product deliveries and deliver them only to legitimate recipients.
- Avoid unguarded and unlit areas where the possibility of theft increases.
- Advise all customers regarding potentials for theft and the use of agrichemicals as weapons of terror.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I SUSPECT SOMETHING?

Contact the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services if you suspect that agrichemicals have been used improperly. Contact your local law enforcement if you suspect that agrichemicals have been stolen or tampered with or to report suspicious persons, vehicles or activities. This is particularly true when large quantities or extremely toxic pesticides are involved. See reverse for additional contact information.

**EMPLOYEES
MUST SHOW
IDENTIFICATION**

ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR ADDED SECURITY

- Use alarm services and post alarm monitoring signs in highly visible locations.
- Install security lighting.
- Use closed-circuit TV surveillance to monitor property, especially high-risk areas.
- Hire security services to patrol property after business hours.
- Post warning signs on property with statements such as:
 1. "No vehicles beyond this point"
 2. "All visitors must check in"
 3. "All visitors must be escorted onto property"
 4. "No Trespassing"
 5. "Private Property"
 6. "This area monitored by closed-circuit TV"
 7. "Employees only in this area"
- Involve employees in security plans.
- Implement an employee training program on safety and security.
- Conduct periodic emergency drills to practice responses to fire, evacuations and security breaches.
- Make notations of suspicious activities noting descriptions of individuals and vehicles involved.

Any of these added security measures will help discourage and thwart potential saboteurs.

WARNING!
NO VEHICLES
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REMINDER FOR FOOD AND FEED ESTABLISHMENTS

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services reminds all establishments that sell food or feed to register their business with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). According to the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002, these establishments must register with the FDA by December 12, 2003. Facilities that fall under this act include those that manufacture, process, pack or hold food for human or animal consumption in the United States. Facilities that are not required to register include:

- Private residences of individuals.
- Transport vehicles that hold food only in their course of business as carriers.
- Farms.
- Facilities regulated exclusively and through out the entire facility by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (those that handle only meat, poultry or egg products).

**Facilities may register online at
www.fda.gov/furls**

**A paper copy of the form may
be requested from FDA by
calling 1-877-332-3882**

**For questions regarding registration,
contact FDA on business days
from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.
by phone at 1-800-216-7331
or (301) 575-0156
by fax at (301) 210-0247
or by email at furls@fda.gov**

SUMMARY

Safety and security of agrichemicals is the responsibility of everyone who handles these products from the point of purchase to sale, use or disposal. The benefits of maintaining a high level of security go beyond that of discouraging terrorism, they mitigate accidental exposures, preserve the environment and save money as well. We all play a critical role in assuring that the hazardous substances we work with are stored and maintained in a safe and secure manner.

For more information on pesticide security, contact the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at (850) 488-3314.

ADDITIONAL ONLINE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Many organizations have compiled similar lists of security recommendations for agrichemical facilities. Try these online resources for additional information.

www.croplifeamerica.org/public/pubs/

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
www.epa.gov

U.S. Department of Agriculture
www.usda.gov

American Chemistry Council
www.americanchemistry.com