Types of Pesticides

**Disinfectants**
Also called antimicrobials, and regulated by the EPA, examples include some hospital & household cleaners, swimming pool chemicals, & bleach.

**Prevention:**
Disinfectants should be used on hard surfaces & objects, not on people or animals. Always read & follow product label.

**Fumigants**
Fumigation is a pest control method in which a pesticide gas or vapor is released into the air or injected into the soil to kill or eliminate pests.

**Prevention:**
Carefully read and follow any instructions on the product label. Choosing an appropriate targeted insecticide can minimize the risk of harm to non-targeted living things.

**Insecticides**
Insecticides are chemicals designed to kill insects. They are used in agriculture, public health, industry, businesses, and households.

**Prevention:**
Carefully read and follow any instructions on the product label. Always read & follow product label instructions. Do not apply more than needed.

**Repellents**
Repellents are products applied to surfaces that discourage pests from landing or climbing on that surface.

**Prevention:**
For the safe and effective use of pesticide products, apply just enough repellent to cover exposed skin and/or clothing.

**Rodenticides**
Rodenticides are pesticides that kill rodents. Examples of rodents include mice, rats, squirrels, woodchucks, chipmunks, porcupines, nutria, & beavers.

**Prevention:**
Rodenticides baits, designed to attract animals, may also be attractive to children and pets, so they should always be used or stored out of their reach. Tamper-resistant bait stations should be used for further precaution.

What Can You Do?

- Use non-pesticide methods
- Don’t apply more than needed
- Read product label
- Follow product label instructions
- Keep pesticides away from kids and pets

Learn More!
The Tracking Network now has data on pesticide exposures and pesticide-related illness in the United States. These data come from the American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC).

Visit CDC’s Environmental Public Health Tracking Network to explore pesticide exposures data, and learn more about pesticide exposures, risk, and prevention.

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