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Behind the Spray: Personal Risks and Pesticide Toxicity for Applicators

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Today we will cover:

The risk equation



Pesticide registration –stay up to date



How EPA determines the proper PPE



Trends in applicator pesticide related injuries on the job

What is risk?

What are some really dangerous activities?

STAIRS

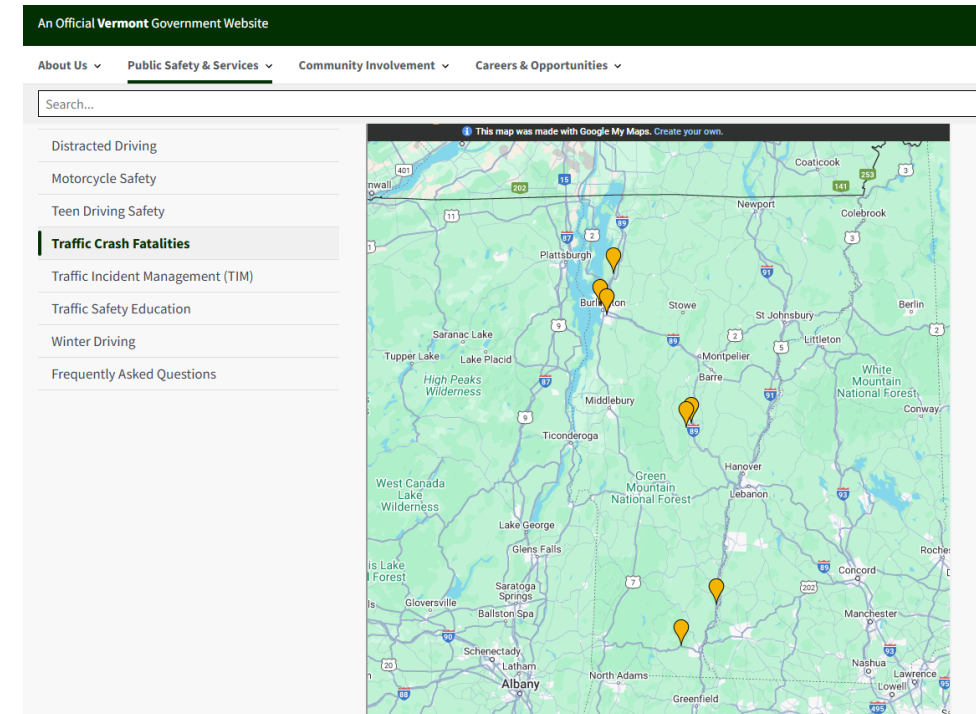
- 12,000 people die from falling down stairs each year in US

CANDLES

- 25 candle-caused house fires each day in US

DRIVING

- Vehicle deaths in Vermont in 2025: 7 people by Feb 2nd

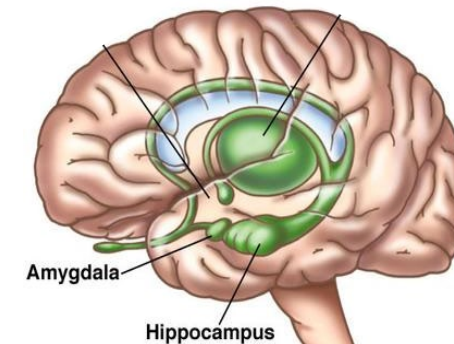


But we shrug those risks off

-our perception of risk is not in proportion with actual risk

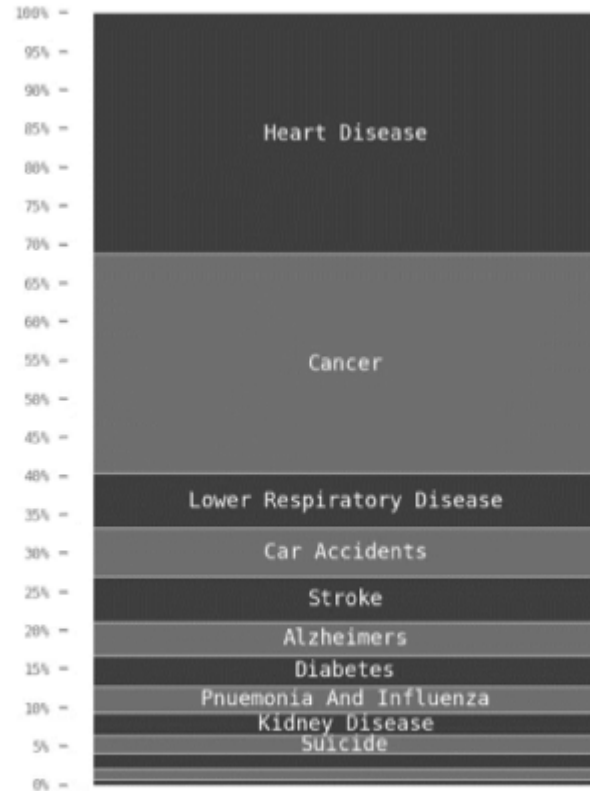
Humans fear:

- New and novel items
- Items we have no control over
- Items we can't see
- When there is no personal benefit



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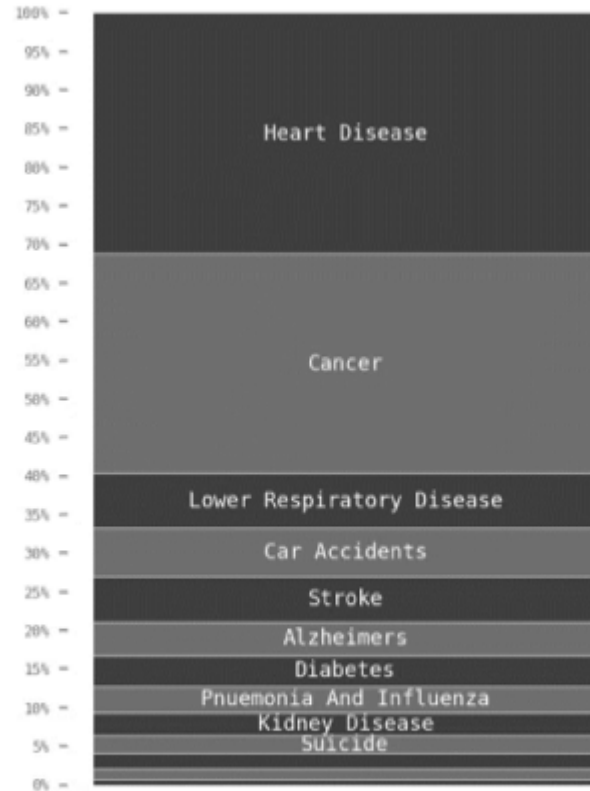
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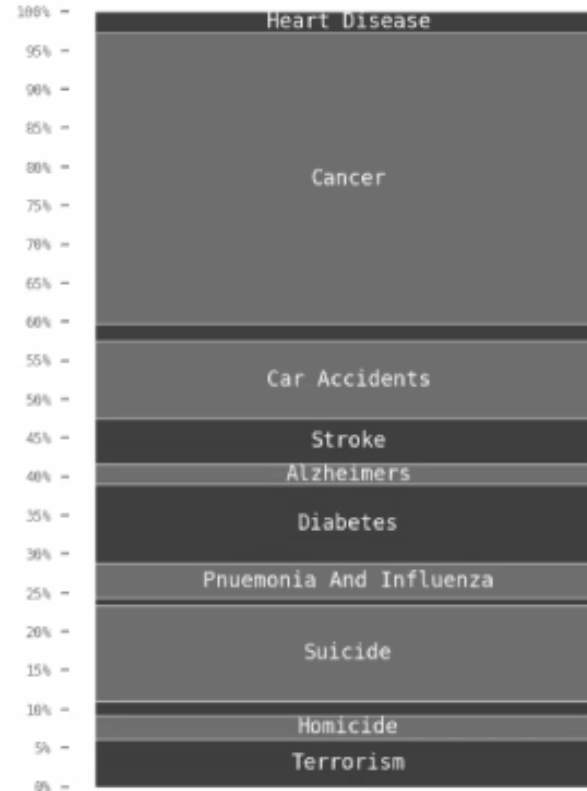
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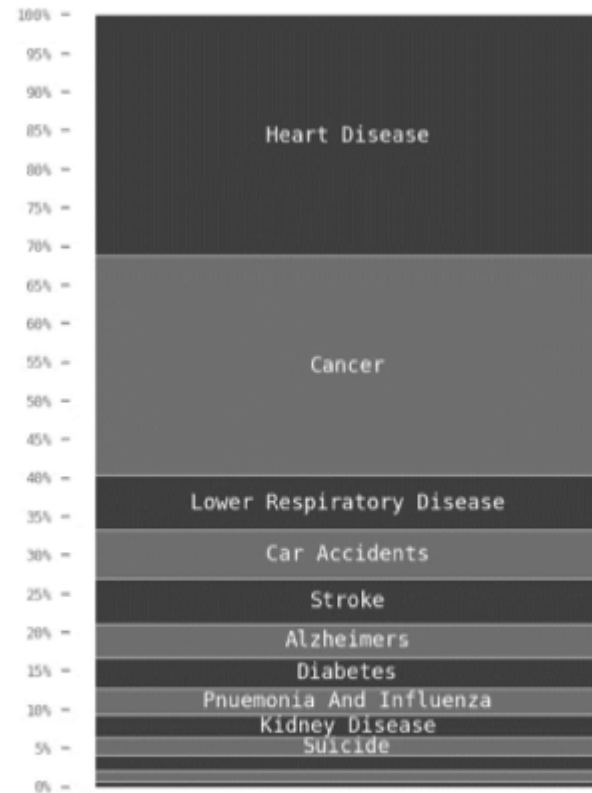
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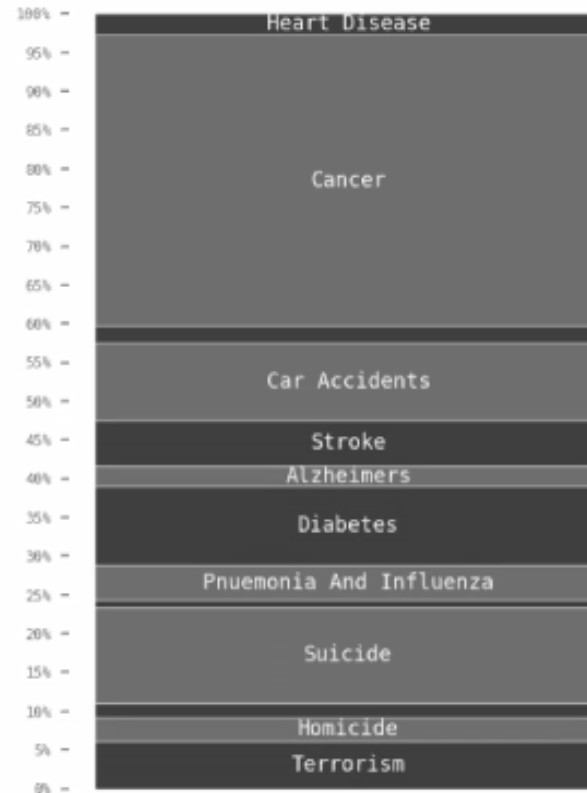
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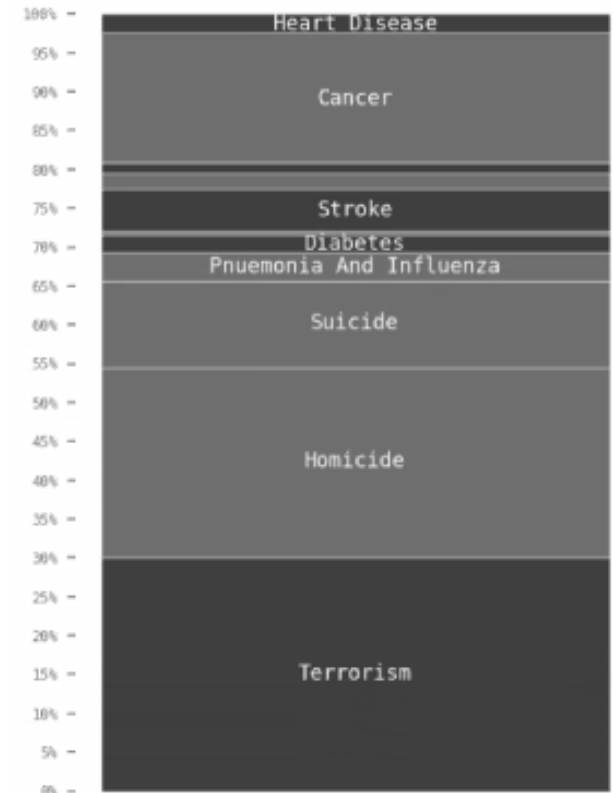
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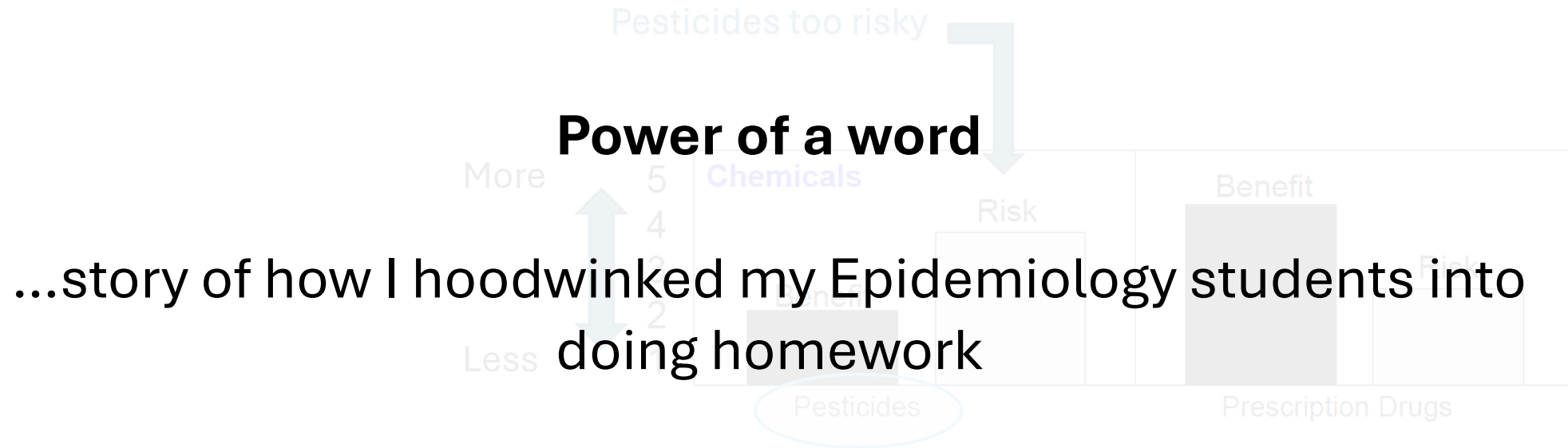
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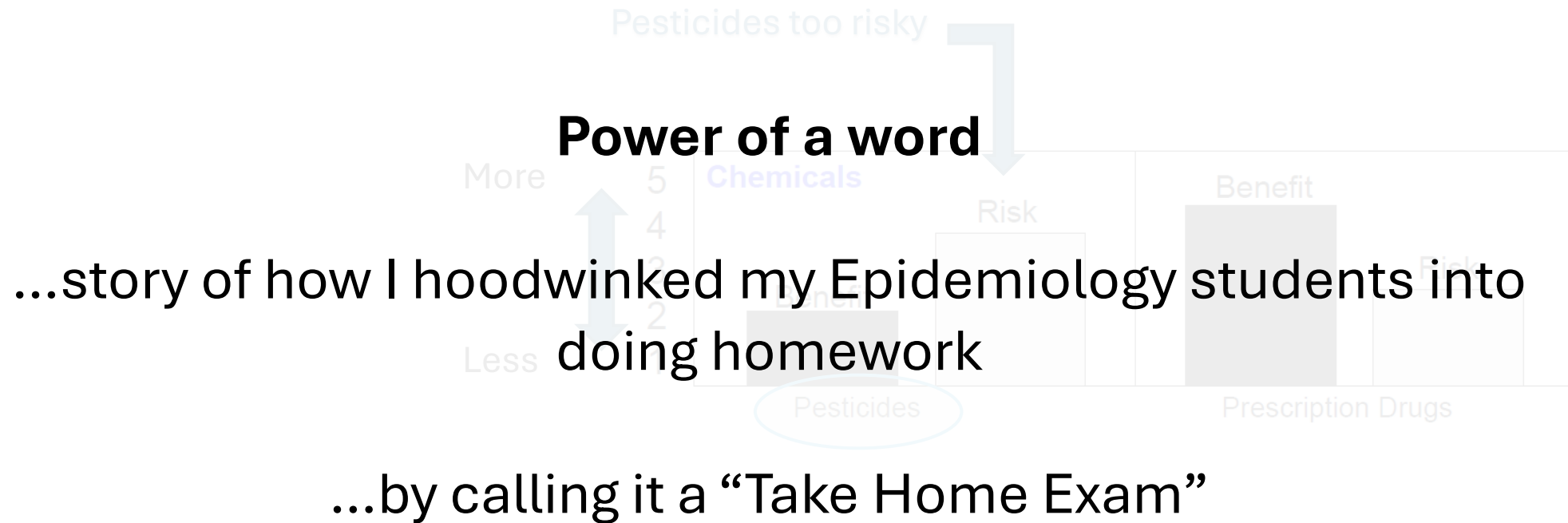
NYT & Guardian Headlines "Which causes are in the media?"



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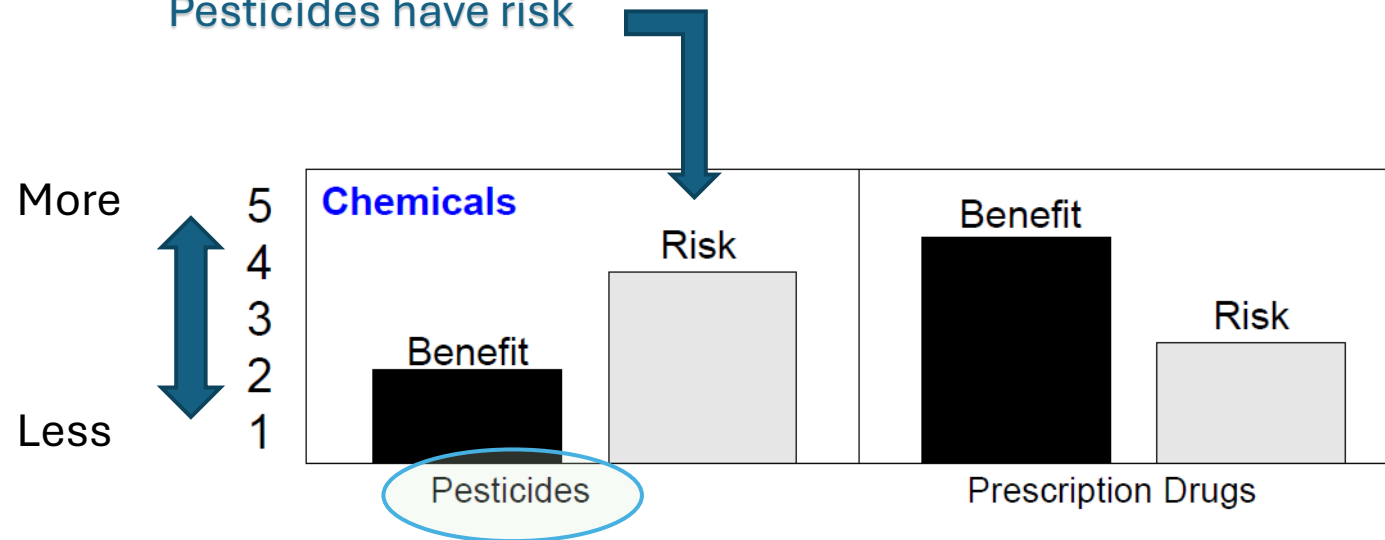
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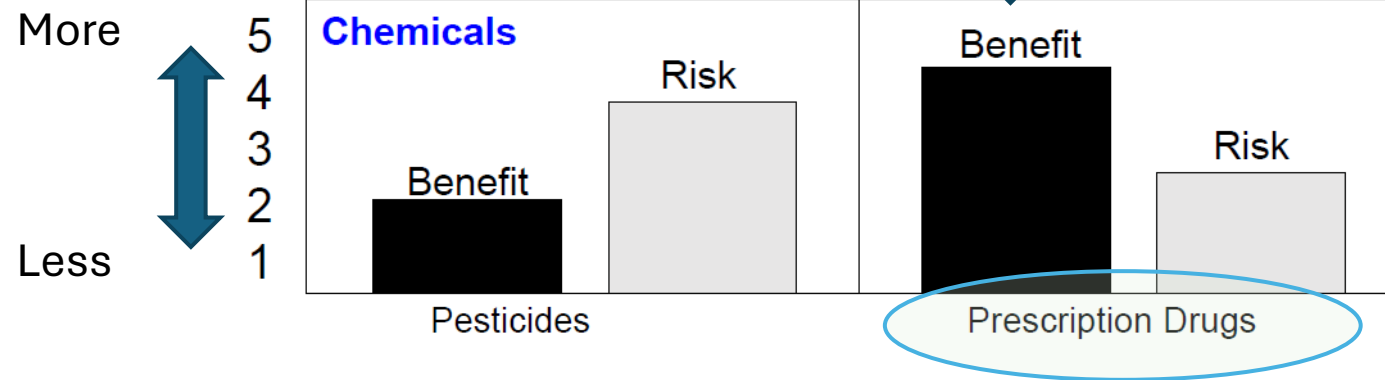


Pesticides have risk





Medicines have benefit





Roll over image to zoom in

DIRECTIONS FOR USE
It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

General Precautions and Restrictions

Do not allow adults, children, or pets to enter the treated area until sprays have dried.

[USE] PRECAUTIONS
Do not spray into electrical outlets or utilities. Do not permit contact with treated surfaces until spray has dried. Suitable protective clothing should be worn in confined or overhead areas to prevent exposure to eyes and skin. The use of eye protection, protective head covering, chemical resistant gloves and footwear, a long-sleeved shirt and long pants or coveralls are recommended. Ventilate confined areas, such as detached garages, under porches and decks, during treatment and immediately following treatment before areas are re-occupied.

- **DUAL ACTION DEFENSE** - Contact kill gives you immediate results when spraying insects directly, while residual activity kills insects when they return to treated areas.
- **EASY APPLICATION** - Product readily mixes with water and should be applied using garden hose, hand sprayer, or low-pressure sprayers. Carefully read and use according to label directions.

Sprayer Precautions

- Always thoroughly inspect your sprayer before each use.
- Be sure hose is securely attached and in good condition before pressurizing tank.
- Discard if any worn or damaged parts are noticed.
- Do not allow spray to reach people or animals.
- Always release air pressure before removing pump (see sprayer directions).



Same active ingredient

Same concentration



Manufacturer: PERRIGO CO. NDC 45802026937

Permethrin 5% Cream (Generic Elimate)

GENERIC

\$65.25 / 60 Grams Tube Free 1-5 Day Shipping

Qty: - 1 + In Stock

Total Price: **\$65.25** **Add to Cart**

Administration

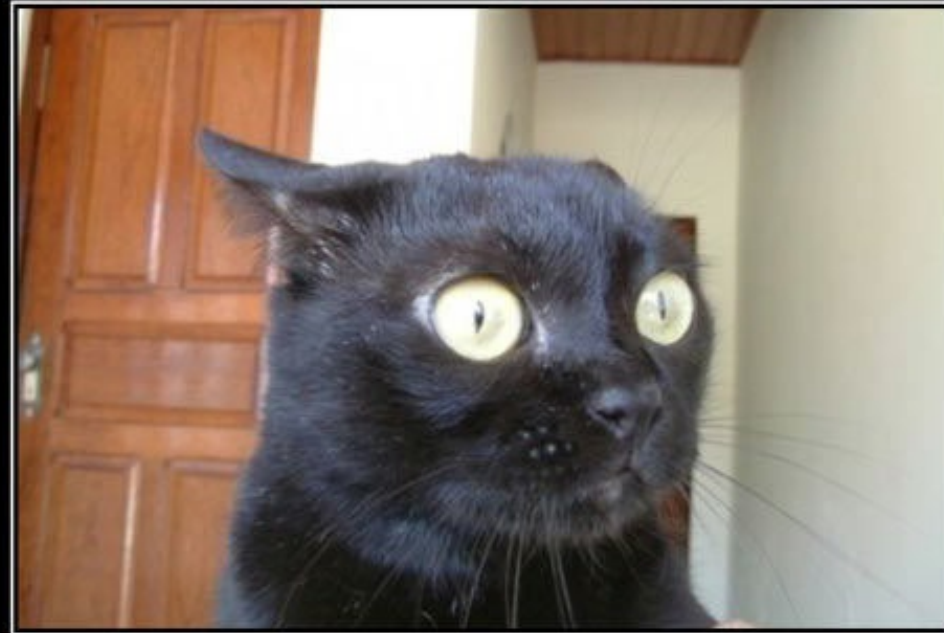
Dosage

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For the treatment of scabies, a thin layer of permethrin 5% cream should be applied uniformly and massaged gently and thoroughly into *all* skin surfaces (entire trunk and extremities) from the neck to the toes (including the soles of the feet).

DO NOT TAKE MEDICAL ADVICE FROM ME



WHAT HAS BEEN SEEN...

Cannot be un-seen.

Pesticide exposures in Vermont –poison control calls

NNEPC Vermont Human Exposure Cases Involving Pesticides
Exposure Reason by Year, 2020-2024

Exposure Reason	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	5-Yr Tot
Unintentional Misuse	112	94	89	86	80	461
General Unintentional	85	82	70	89	71	397
Environmental	29	22	26	35	22	134
Occupational	9	10	7	15	10	51
Suicide Attempt/Self-Harm	9	9	2	10	6	36
Intentional Misuse	4	4	4	4	6	22
Other Reasons	7	10	10	5	10	42
Total Cases	255	231	208	244	205	1143

There were 42 cases where the patient experienced a medical outcome of “moderate effect” or greater. Moderate effect represents a more serious poisoning that in most cases requires additional health intervention.

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Patient Age Group by Year, 2020-2024



Age in Years	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	5-Yr Tot
0-5	65	71	56	72	62	326
6-12	19	15	13	18	11	76
13-19	7	13	15	8	10	53
20s	18	30	27	32	18	125
30s	35	26	26	27	24	138
40s	25	15	18	25	17	100
50s	13	13	19	13	15	73
60s	24	15	10	9	18	76
70s	17	5	10	7	6	45
80s	5	3	3	4	3	18
Unknown child (<20 yo)	4	3	2	0	0	9
Unknown adult (20+ yo)	17	13	7	22	15	74
Unknown	6	9	2	7	6	30
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Pesticides Involved in NNEPC Vermont Human Exposure Cases
Type of Pesticide or Disinfectant by Year, 2020-2024



Major Group	Minor Group	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	5-Year Tot
Cleaning substances (household)	Bleaches	78	64	63	67	46	318
Cleaning substances (household)	Disinfectants	36	38	29	28	17	148
Pesticides	Fumigants	0	0	0	0	2	2
Pesticides	Fungicides (non-medicinal)	4	2	3	3	1	13
Pesticides	Herbicides*	9	1	2	7	8	27
Pesticides	Insecticides**	95	91	76	90	89	441
Pesticides	Repellents	27	27	21	32	27	134
Pesticides	Rodenticides	12	12	16	19	16	75



*Including algacides, defoliants, desiccants, plant growth regulators

**Including insect growth regulators, molluscicides, nematicides

Pesticide exposures in Vermont –poison control calls

Pesticides Involved in NNEPC Vermont Occupational Exposure Cases
Substance Generic Name by Minor Group, 2020-2024, Cumulative Totals

Major Group	Minor Group	Substance Generic Name	5-Yr Tot	
→ {	Cleaning substances (household)	Bleaches	Bleach: Hypochlorite (Liquid & Dry)	22
	Cleaning substances (household)	Disinfectants	Disinfectant: Hypochlorite, Non-Bleach Product	7
	Cleaning substances (household)	Disinfectants	Disinfectant: Other/Unknown	6
	Cleaning substances (household)	Disinfectants	Disinfectant: Phenol (Eg, Lysol)	1
Pesticides	Herbicides	Other Herbicide	3	
Pesticides	Herbicides	Paraquat	1	
Pesticides	Insecticides	Other Insecticide	}	7
Pesticides	Insecticides	Pyrethroid		2
Pesticides	Insecticides	Unknown Insecticide		1
Pesticides	Insecticides	Pyrethrin		1
Pesticides	Repellents	Naphthalene Moth Repellent	1	
Pesticides	Rodenticides	Rodenticide: Unknown	1	

Your chances of getting killed by a cow are low, but never zero

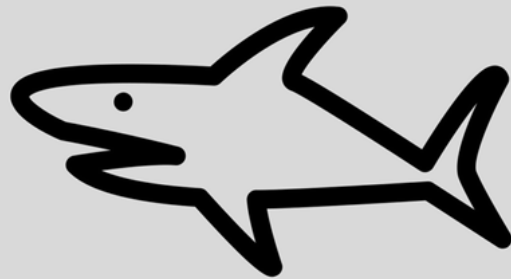


What do we know about chemical risk?

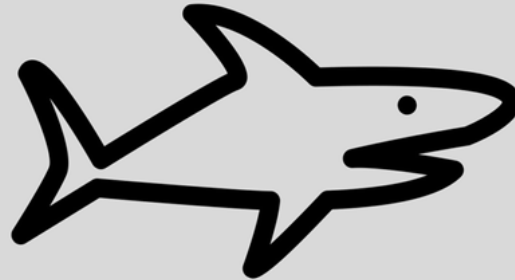
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Hazard

Something that can potentially cause harm



Risk



= hazard + exposure

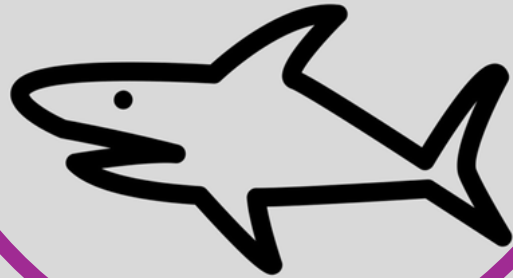
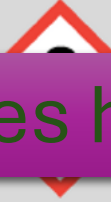
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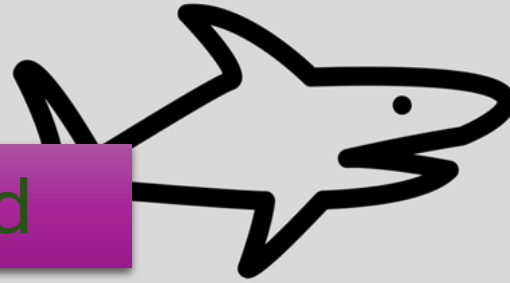
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All pesticides have hazard

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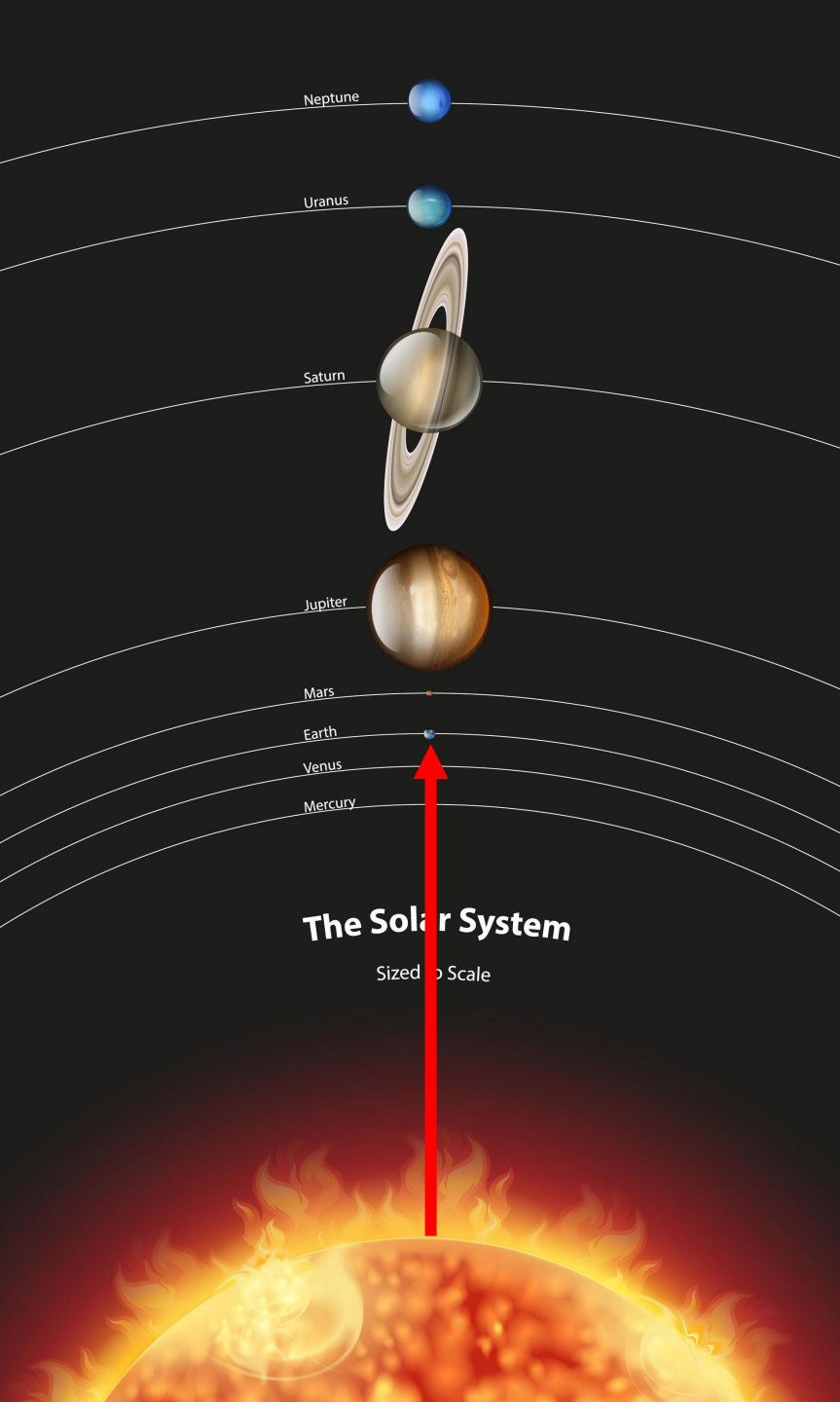
Hazard

One of the world's least toxic substances:

WATER

- Symptoms:
 - Convulsions
 - Gastrointestinal hypermobility
 - Diarrhea
 - Tremor
 - Muscle contraction/spasticity
 - Pupil dilation
 - Nausea
 - Vomiting
 - Death





Hazard

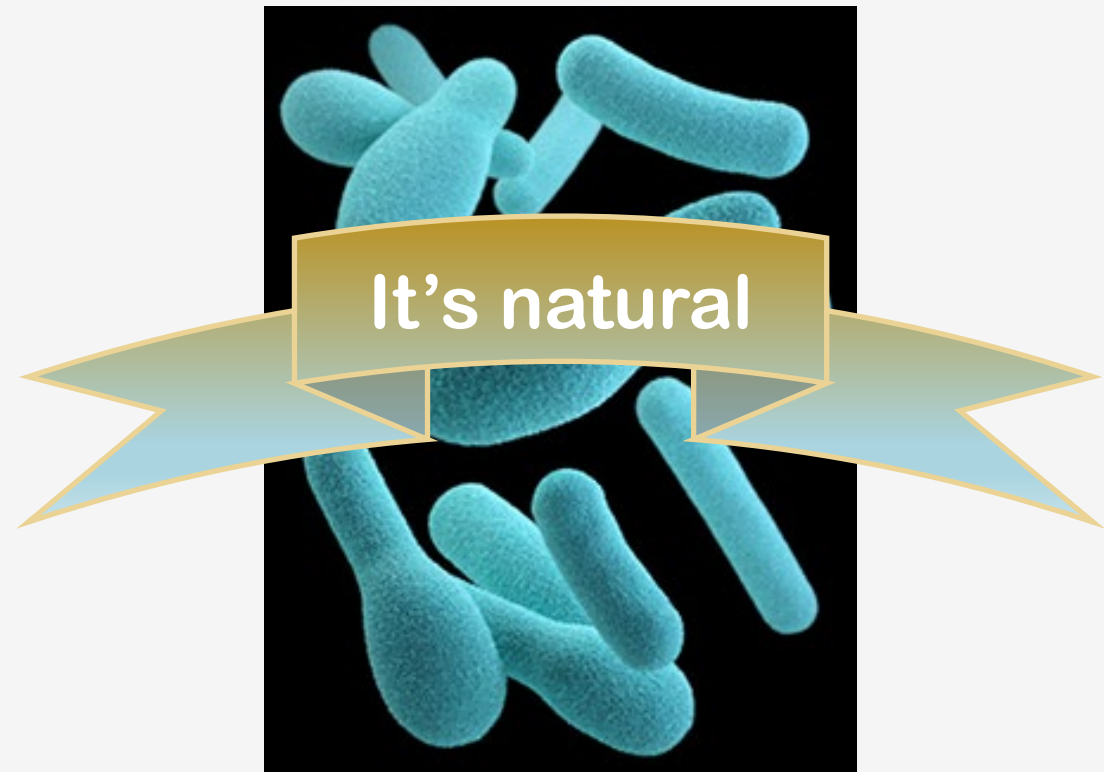
World's most toxic substance:

- Botulinum toxin LD_{50} 1 ng/kg (part per trillion)
~6 inches out of 93 million miles
- Causes muscle paralysis

Hazard

World's most toxic substance:

- 200 hospitalized annually
- ~5 die annually in US



Clostridium botulinum

Hazard

When is something too dangerous?

Applied and stays in localized area:

- doesn't run off to heart/lungs
- doesn't persist or build up

Chemical fate is tightly controlled

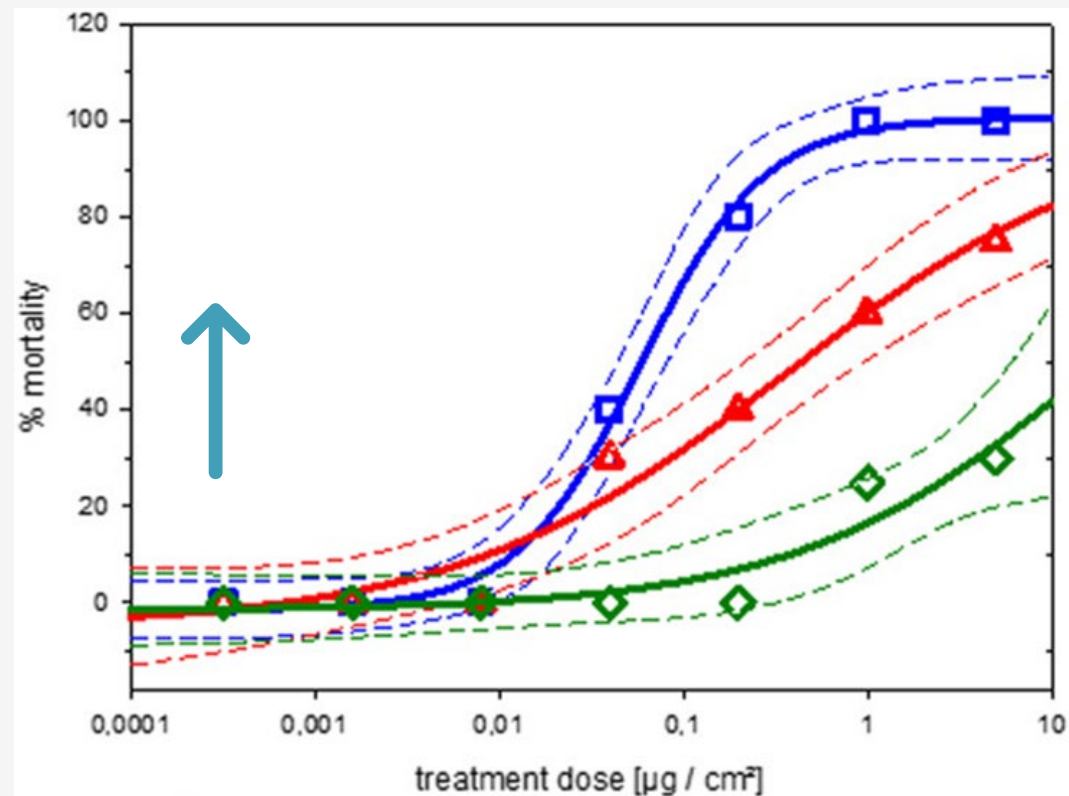


This is Botox.

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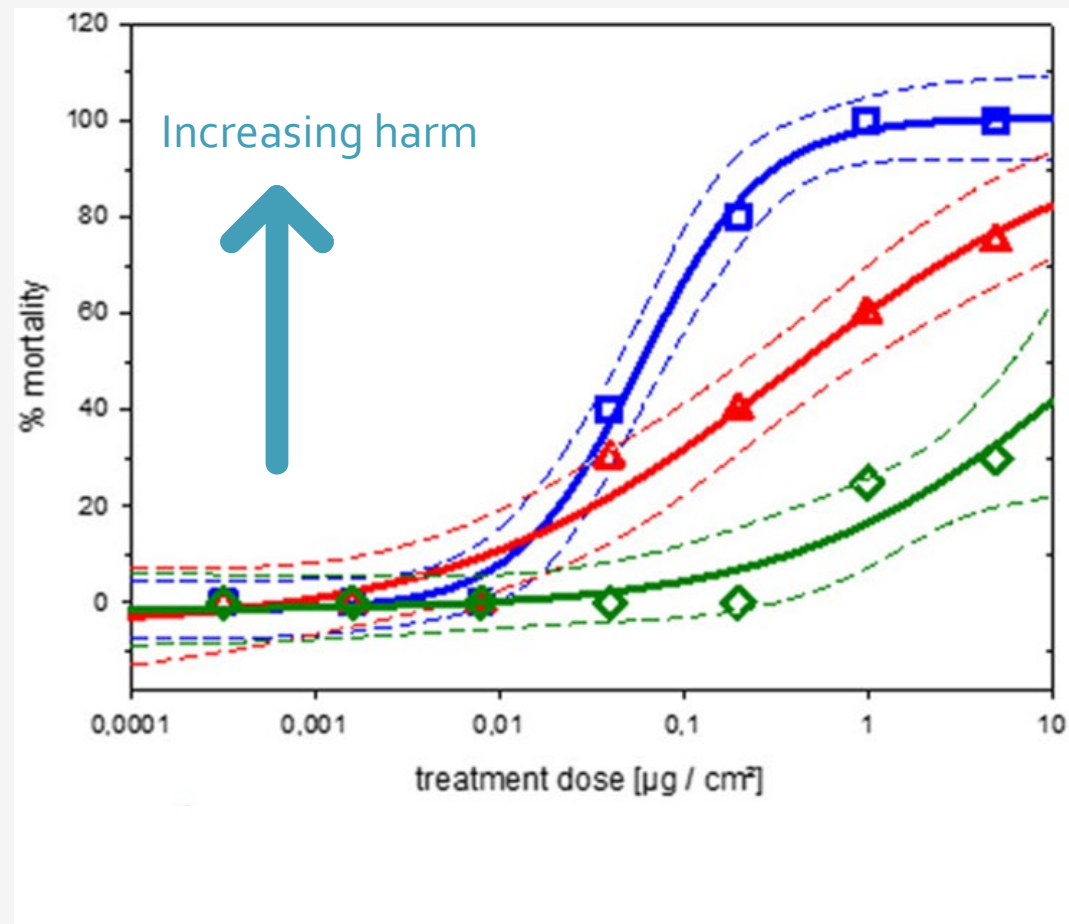
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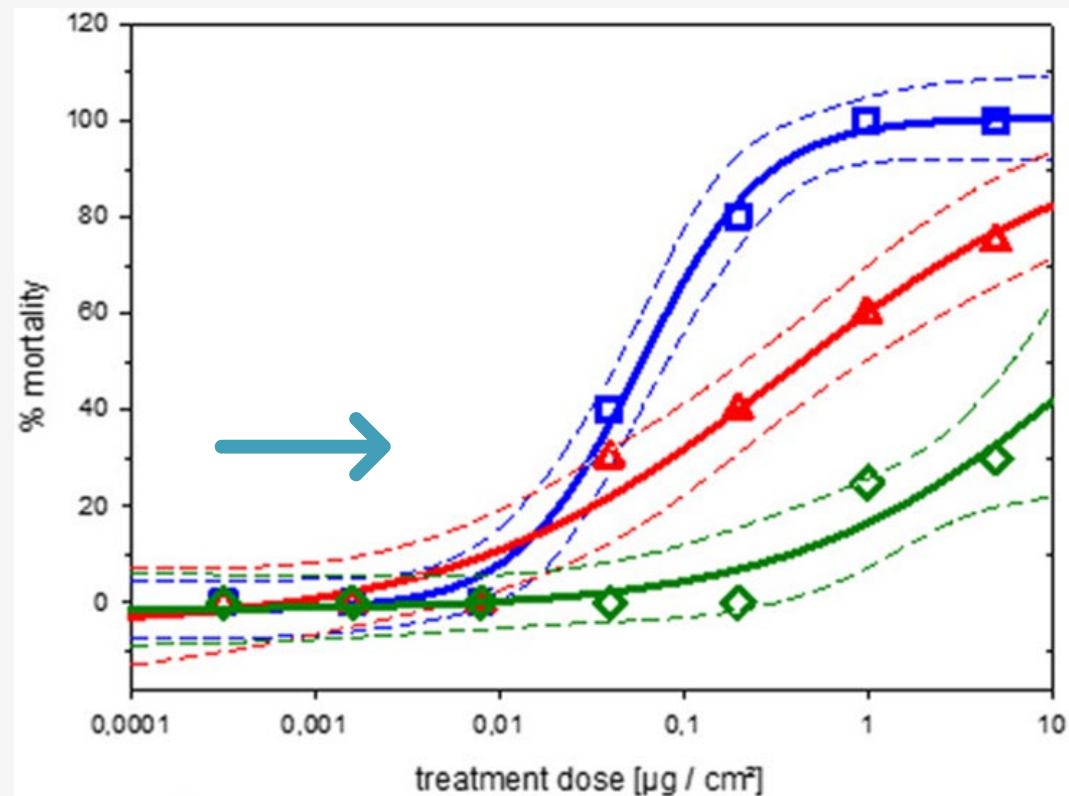
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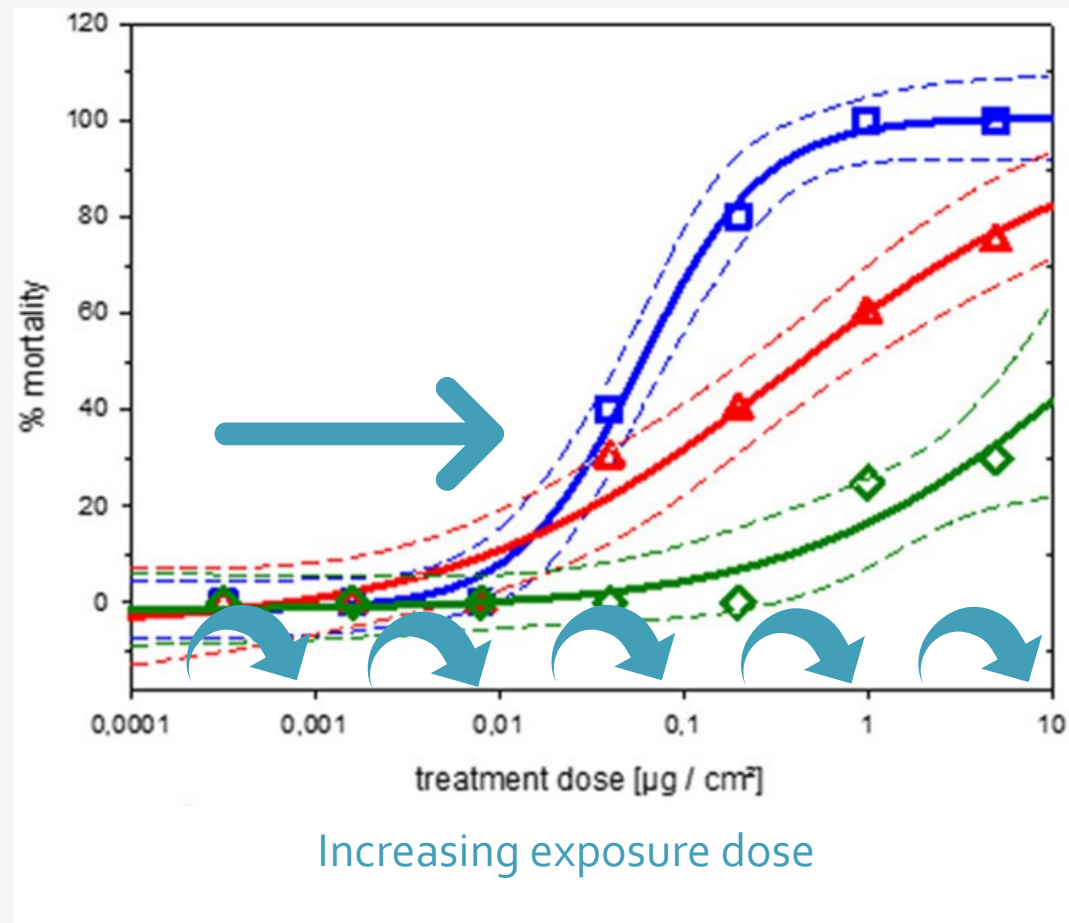
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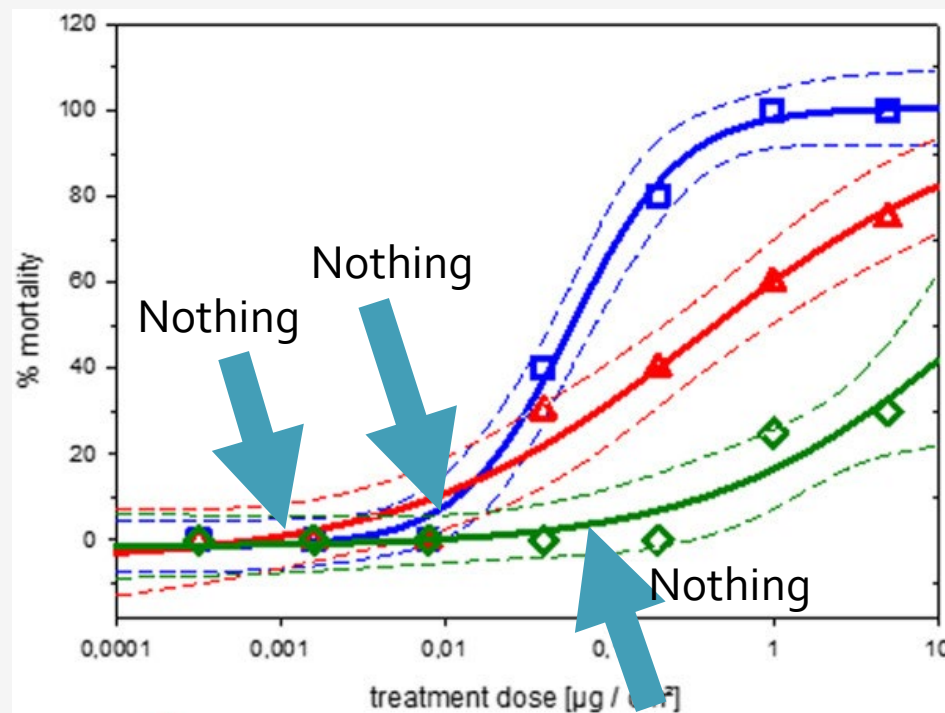
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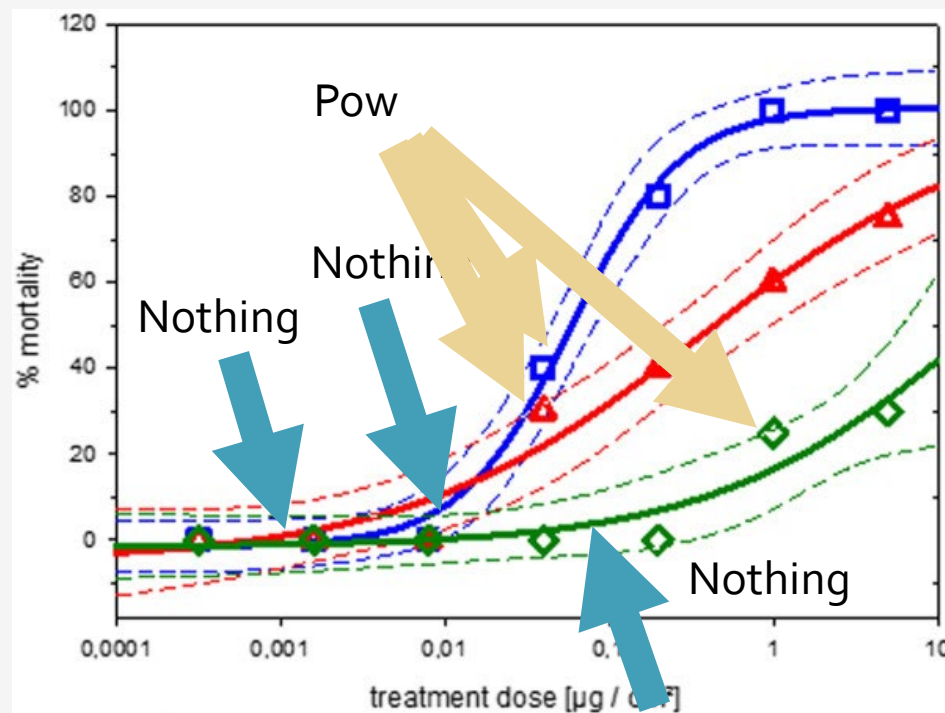
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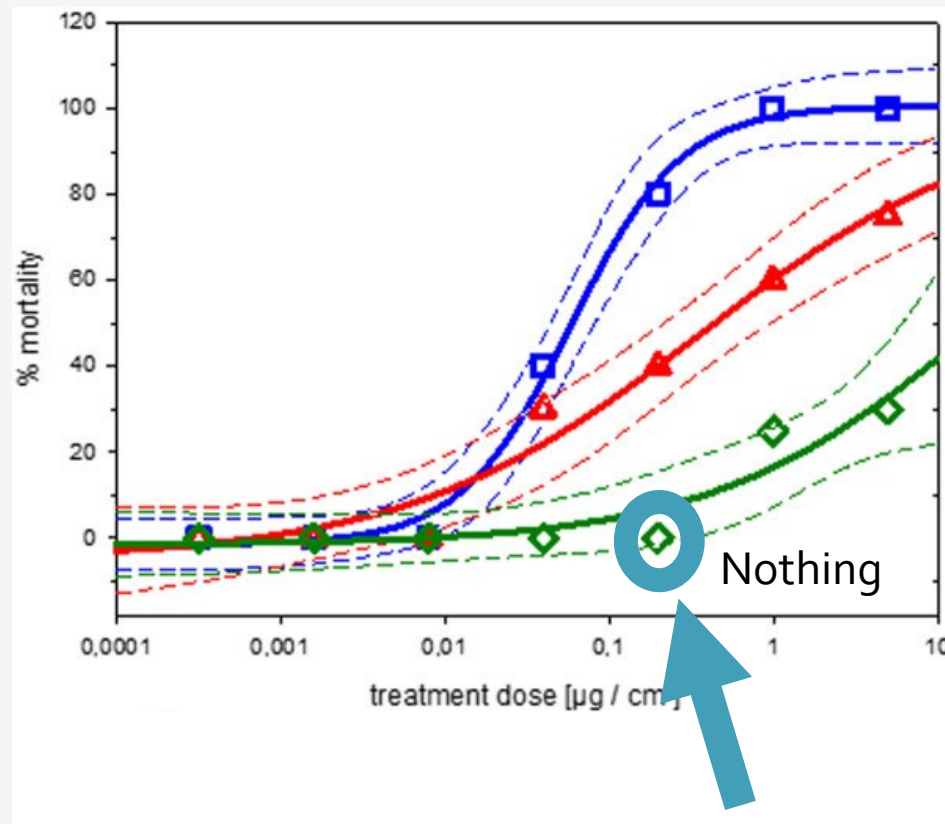
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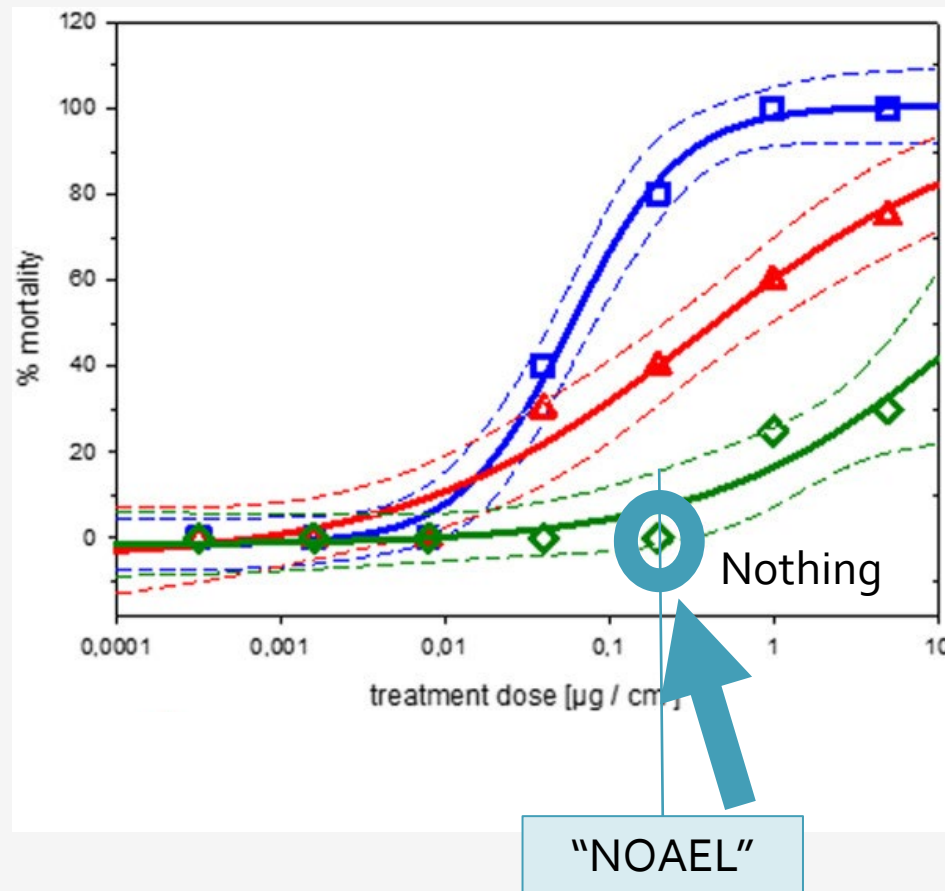
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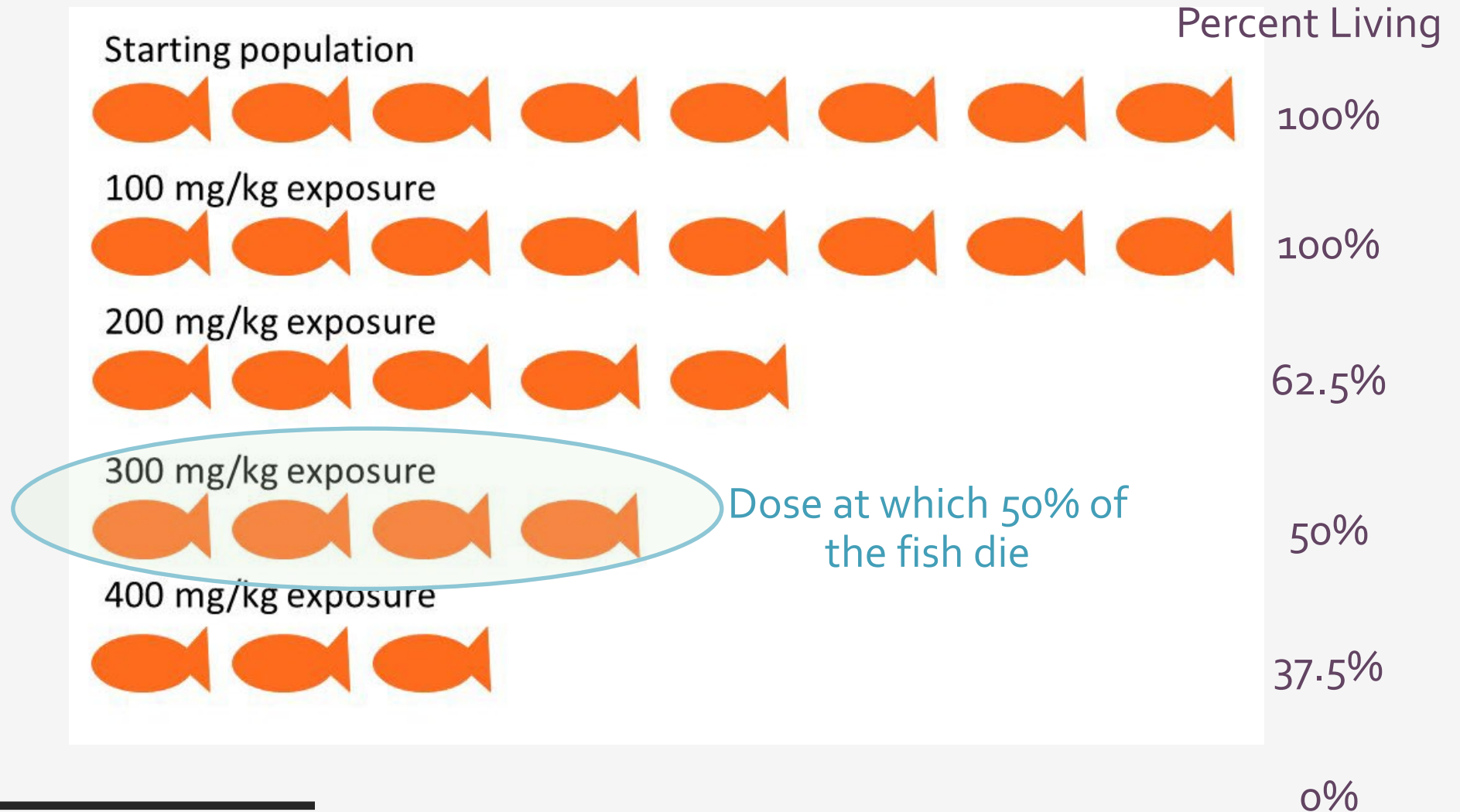


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about the
hazards
from
pesticides?*



Acute testing

- LD₅₀
 - Oral
 - Dermal
 - Inhalation



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V-Hold restraint of rat for passage of metal gavage needle. Gavage needle is inserted into the left side of the animal's mouth and directed along the hard palate of the mouth to the back of the throat.



Gentle scruff of mouse for passage of the metal gavage needle. Gavage needle is inserted into the left side of the animal's mouth and directed along the hard palate of the mouth to the back of the throat.

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Acute testing

- Eye damage assays



Acute testing

- Hypersensitivity testing



Acute testing

"Six pack"

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870.3100	Oral Subchronic (rodent)	yes	yes
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870.4200b	Oncogenicity (mouse)	yes	yes
870.4300	Chronic/Oncogenicity	yes	yes
870.5100	Mutagenicity—Gene Mutation - bacterial	yes	yes
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870.5xxx	Mutagenicity—Structural Chromosomal Aberrations ...	yes	yes
870.5xxx	Mutagenicity—Other Genotoxic Effects	yes	yes
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870.6200b	90-Day Neurotoxicity Screening Battery (rat)	yes	yes
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How well babies grow

Growth Rodent & Non-rodent

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Pregnancy outcomes

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Life-long exposures & whole-animal outcomes (organs, blood, tumors, etc)

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Neurotoxicity tests

2 species

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How it gets into/leaves the body
& immune system effects

Chronic Exposures

Endocrine effects?



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Read the Label

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- Our database is always available to retrieve the most recent copy of the label.

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For all of the text search fields below, you can search by either:

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Legend: Today, 1 Month Old, 1 Year Old

Map of the United States showing pesticide product locations with stars. Vermont is highlighted.

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Homeowners may dispose of pesticides through their solid waste district or town hazardous waste collections. See [here](#) for a list of sites.

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Rodenticide Alert



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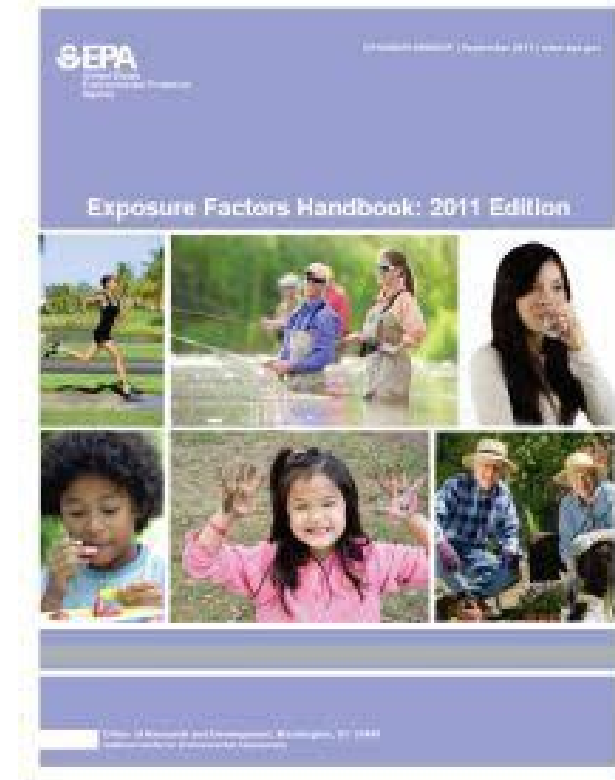
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EPA goes to lengths to figure out how much people are exposed to



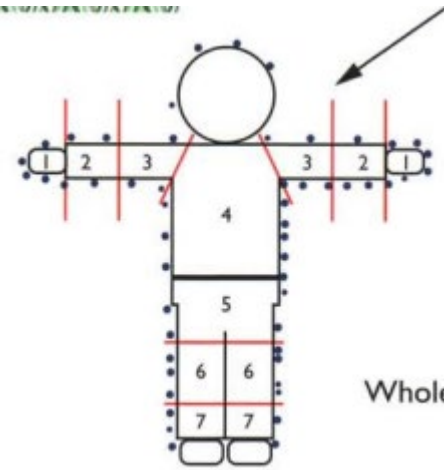
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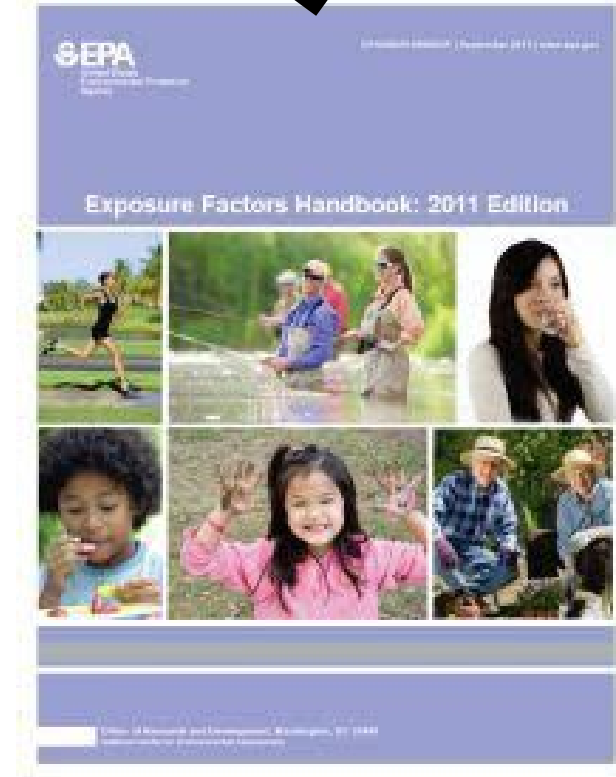
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Liquid	Manually-pressurized Handwand	77	78	78	5,700	15,000	17,000	6,000	17,000	20,000
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These numbers are “MOE”s
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Shorts + no gloves leads to 50 ppm exposure
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Is it ok to wear shorts and no gloves?

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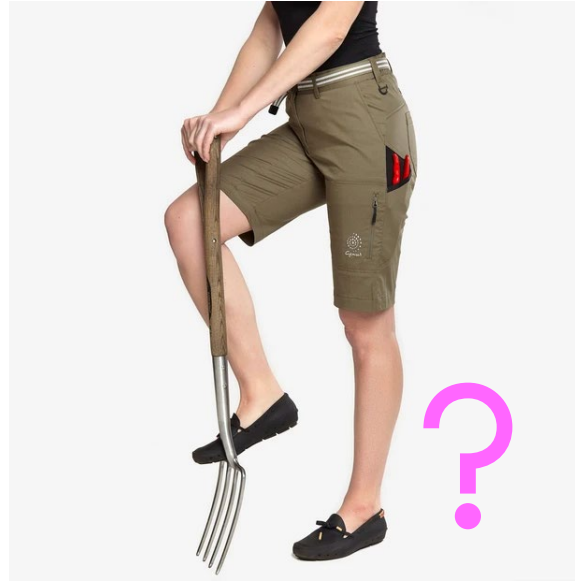
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That's the concept now for the math

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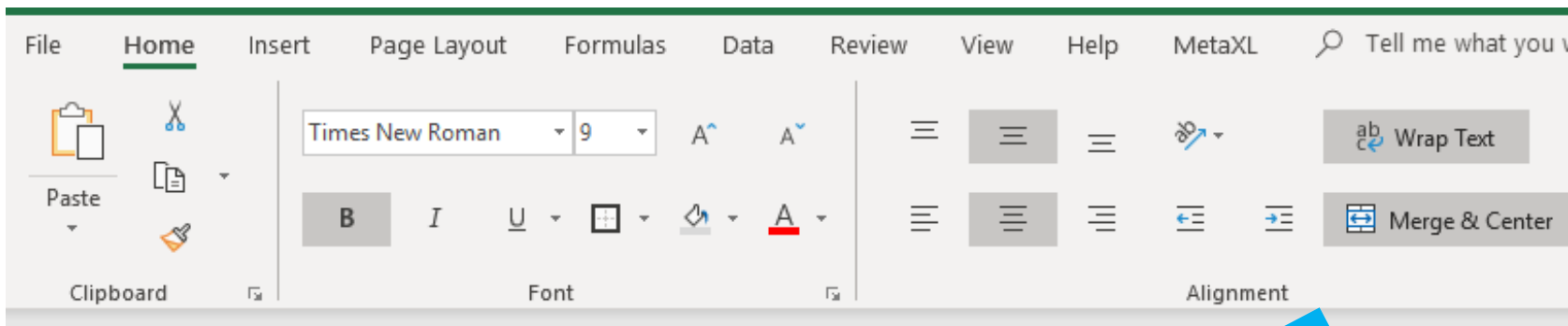
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MOE under 100 = risk is too high

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MOE goes over 100 = risk is acceptable

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MOE doesn't increase much

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MOE over 100 = acceptable risk ---even with no gloves because the formulation changed

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Take home messages from this:

- formulation drives PPE
- sometimes more PPE reduces exposure, but not a ton
- depends on the formulation & application methods

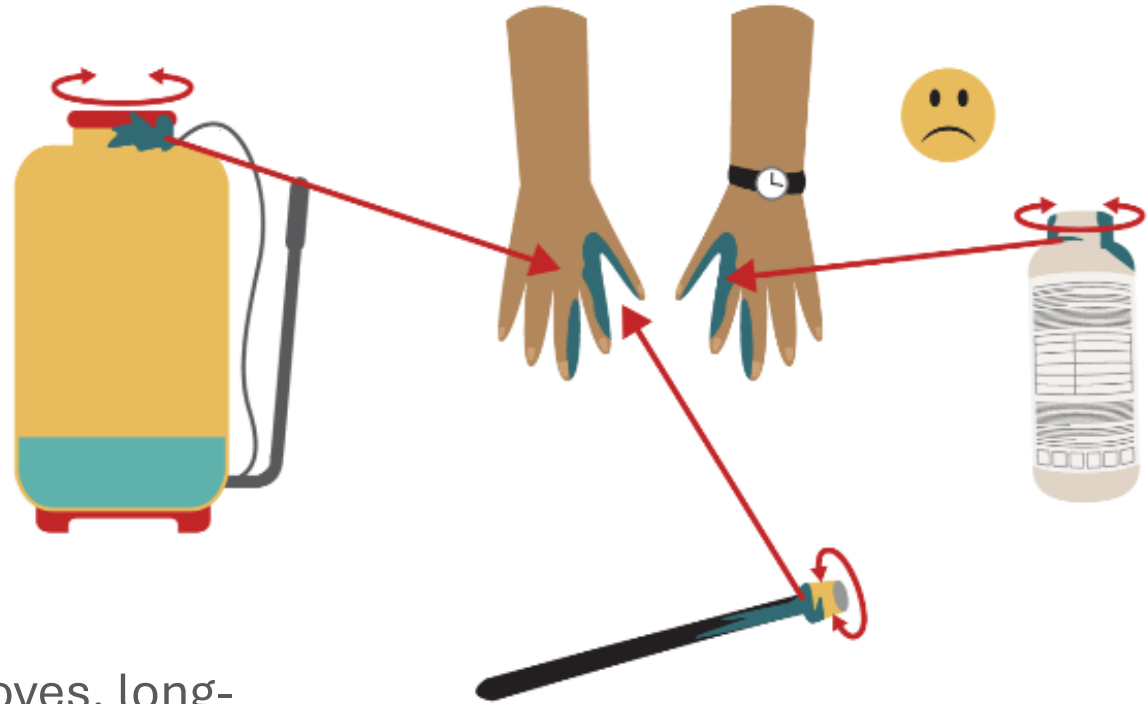
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Wear PPE

- Read the label
- Daily exposures can add up over time
- Consider a basic minimum PPE kit of gloves, long-sleeves, pants, close-toed shoes, & eye protection.



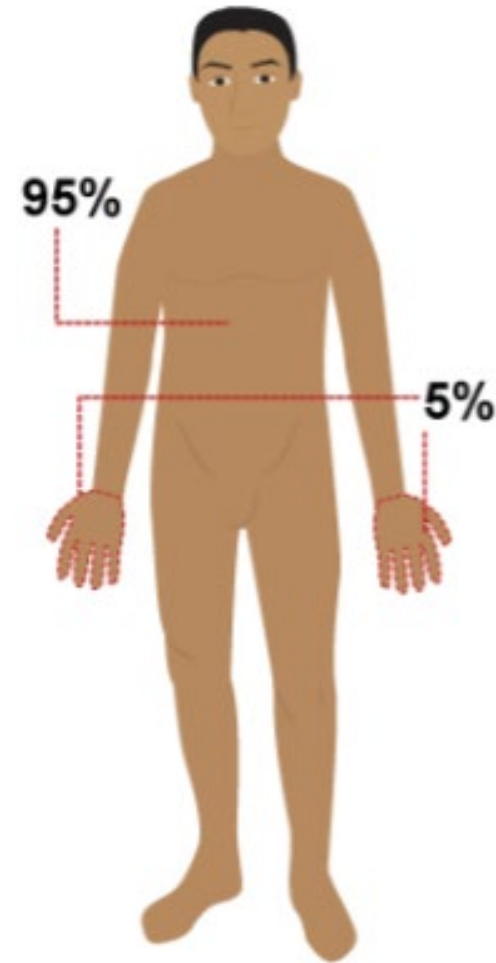
Wear PPE

- Fit the PPE to the situation
- Many exposures occur during mixing and loading.
- PPE goes on before you start, not just for spraying.



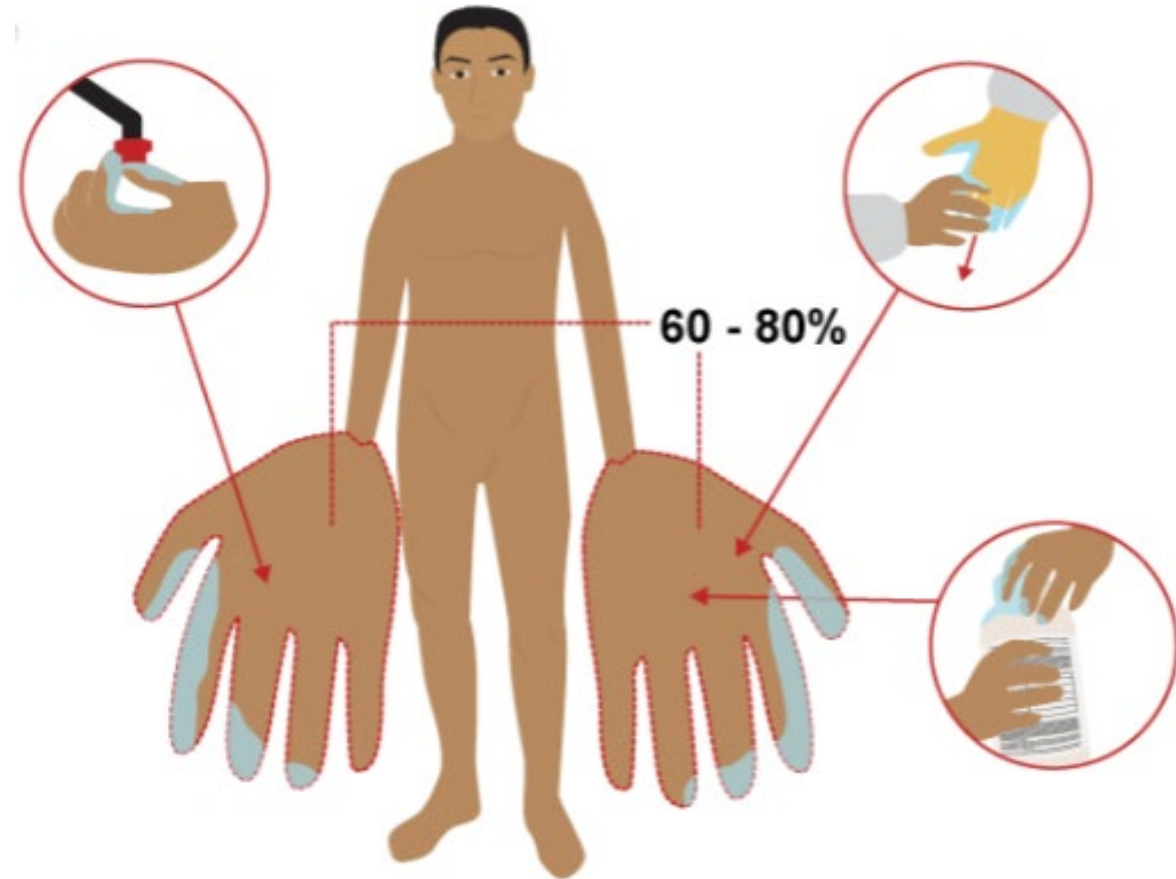
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Your hands are only 5% of your body's surface area...



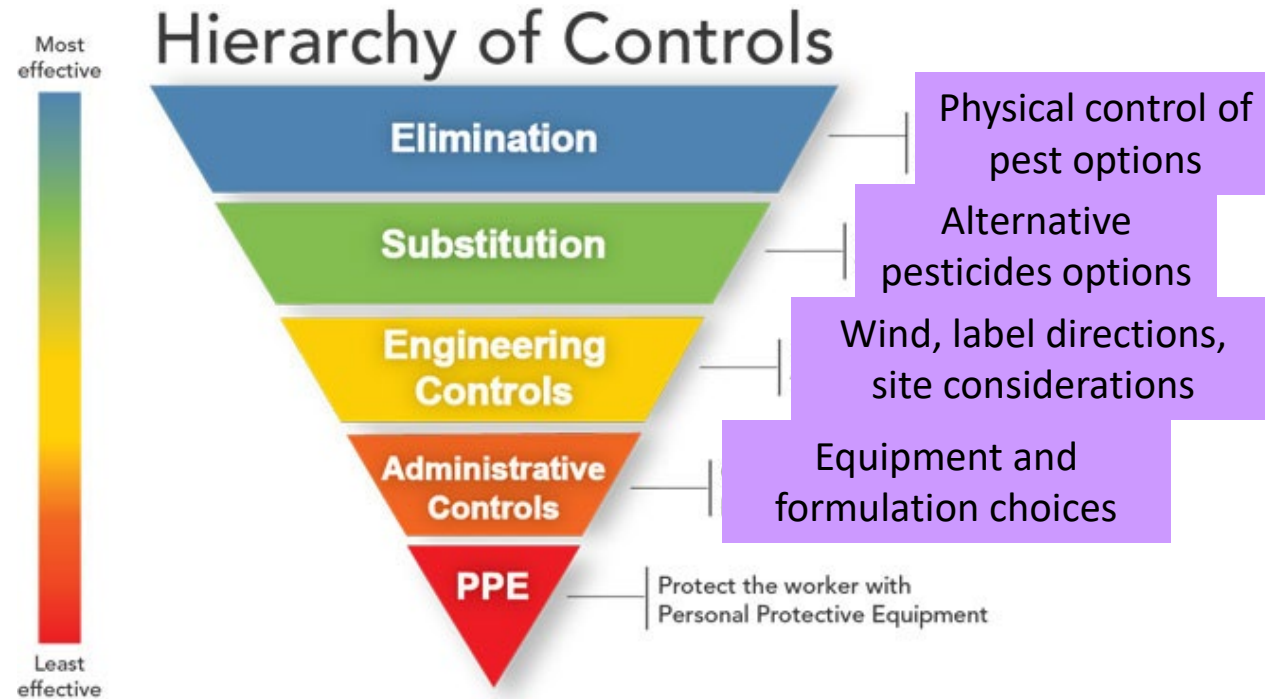
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...but they perform most of the contact your body will do in a day.



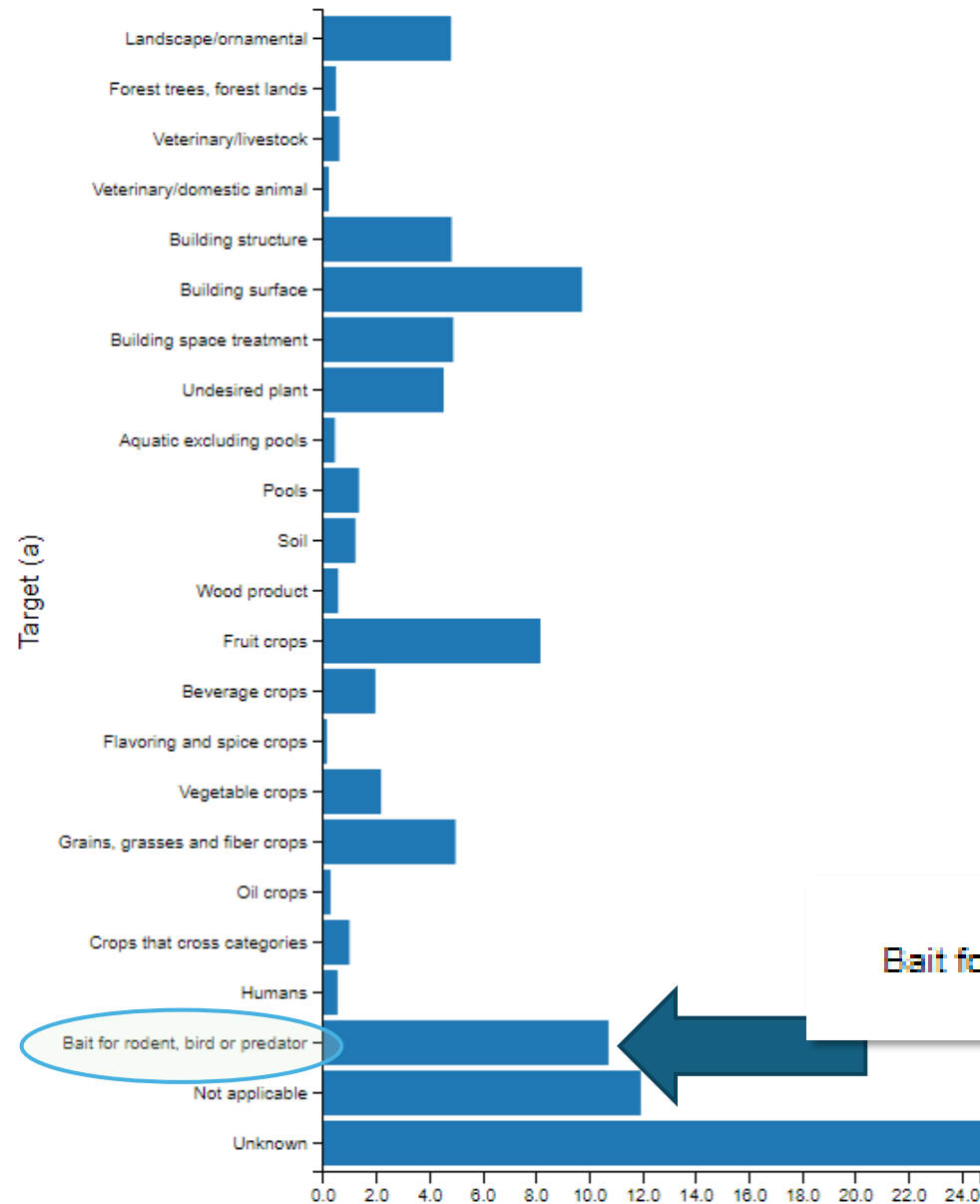
Most pesticide exposures do not happen during the application

- In 2000, an 18-month-old boy ingested an unknown amount of paraquat solution from a bottle found in his father's landscaping truck. He received multiple-dose activated charcoal treatment two hours after the ingestion. He suffered from lack of oxygen during the first 24 hours followed by progressive liver, kidney, and cardio-pulmonary dysfunction. The boy died 11 days after the ingestion.
- In 2003, a 49-year-old male took a sip from his coffee cup in which he had poured paraquat because the product's bottle was deteriorating. He realized his mistake and went to the Emergency Department. At that time, he was vomiting, cold and sweating profusely. Doses of activated charcoal were administered and his stomach was pumped; morphine was provided for esophageal pain; and he was intubated to support breathing function on the fourth day. Aggressive supportive care continued until he died on the tenth day.



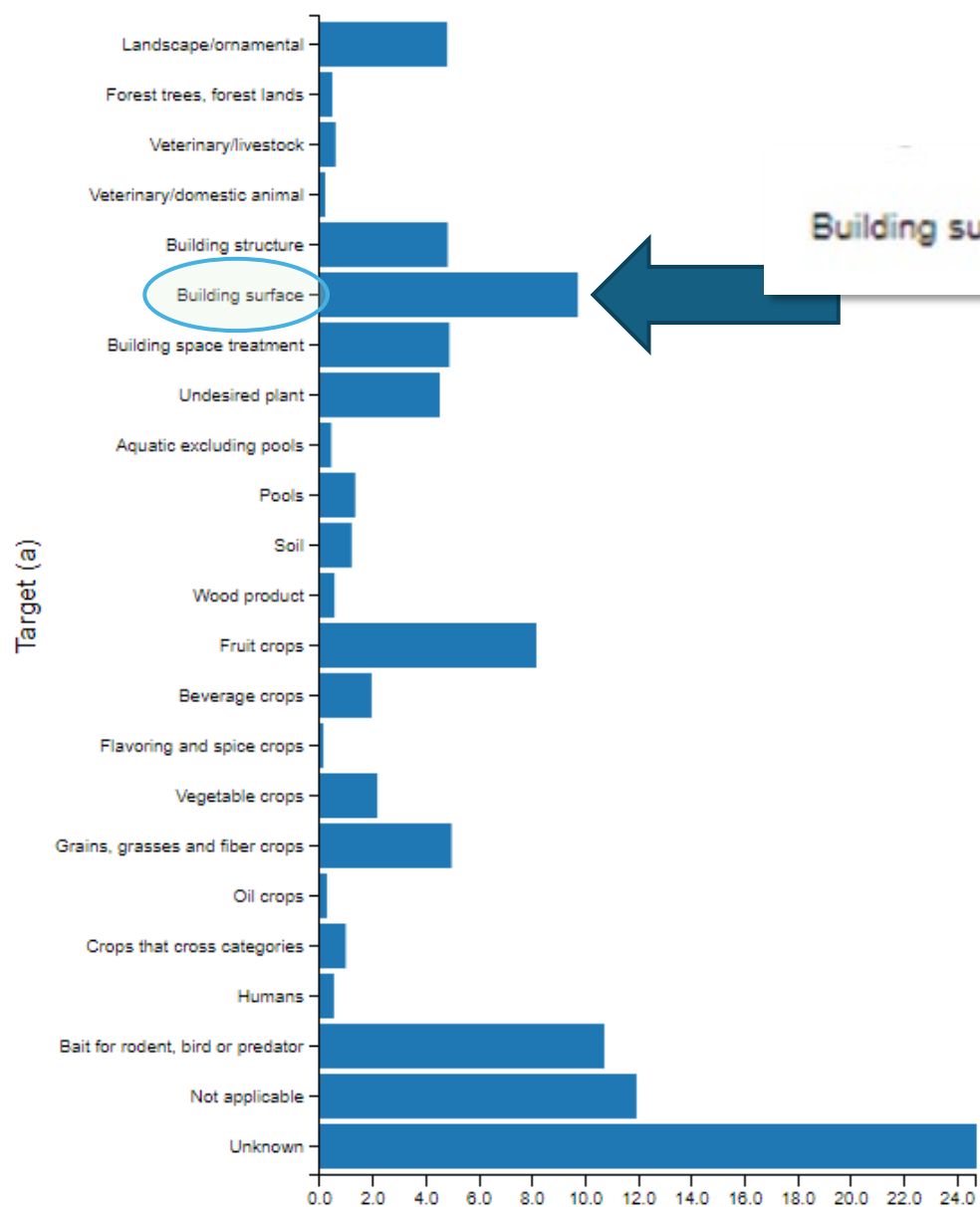
For those in positions to make decisions about job site management, ask yourself, “What other options are there?”

Distribution (%) of Acute Pesticide-Related Illnesses by Target, All Participating States, 1998 - 2011



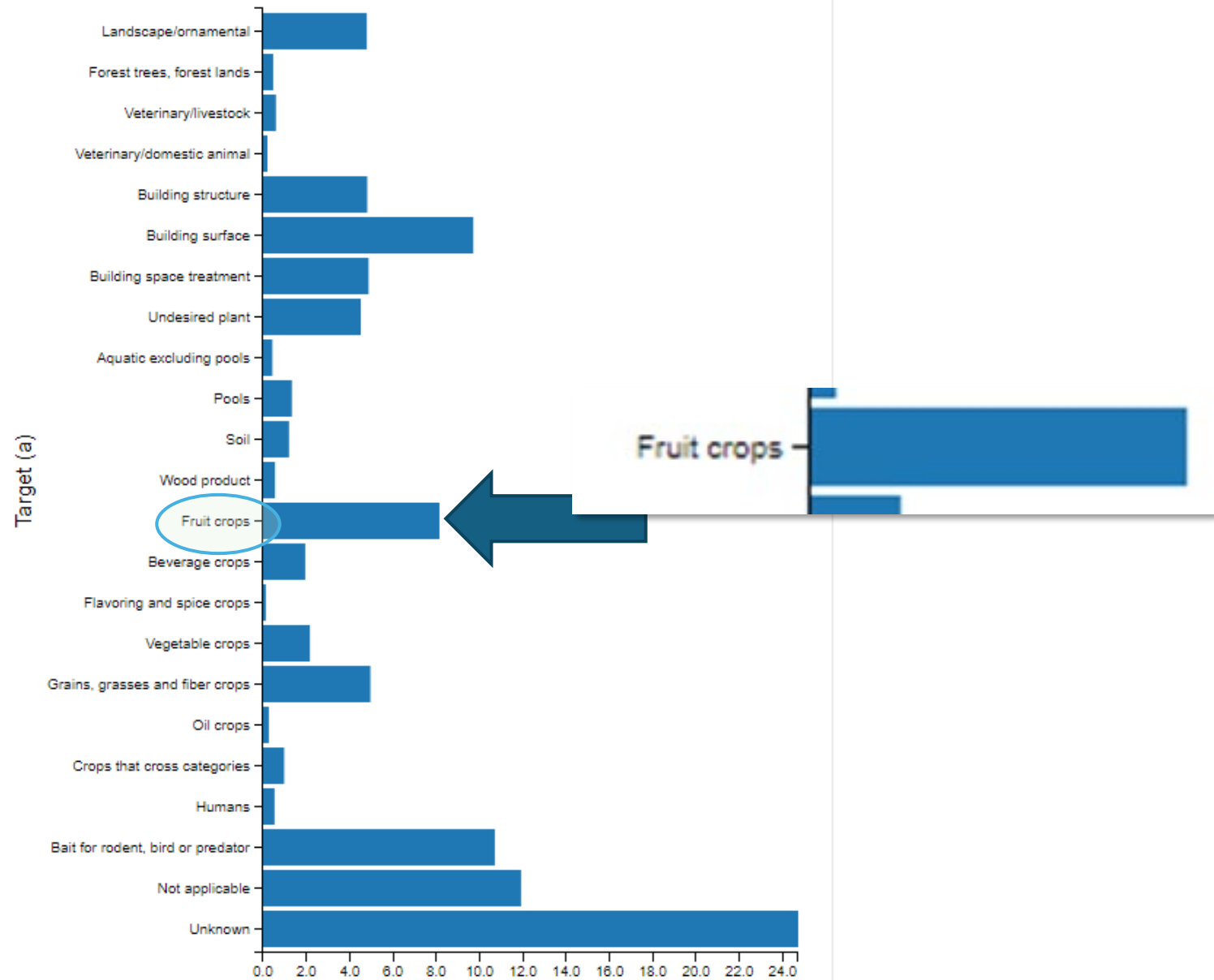
Bait for rodent, bird or predator

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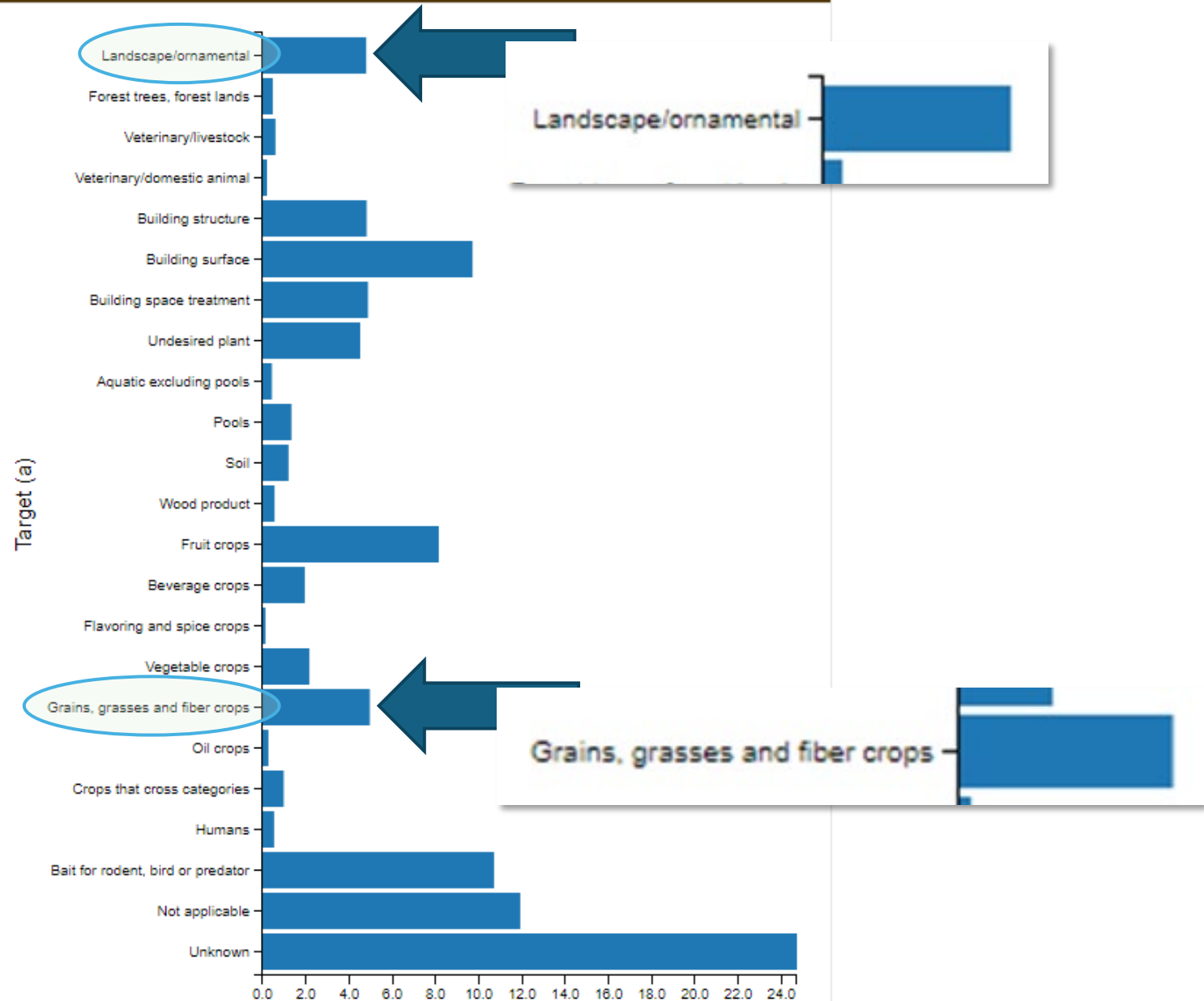
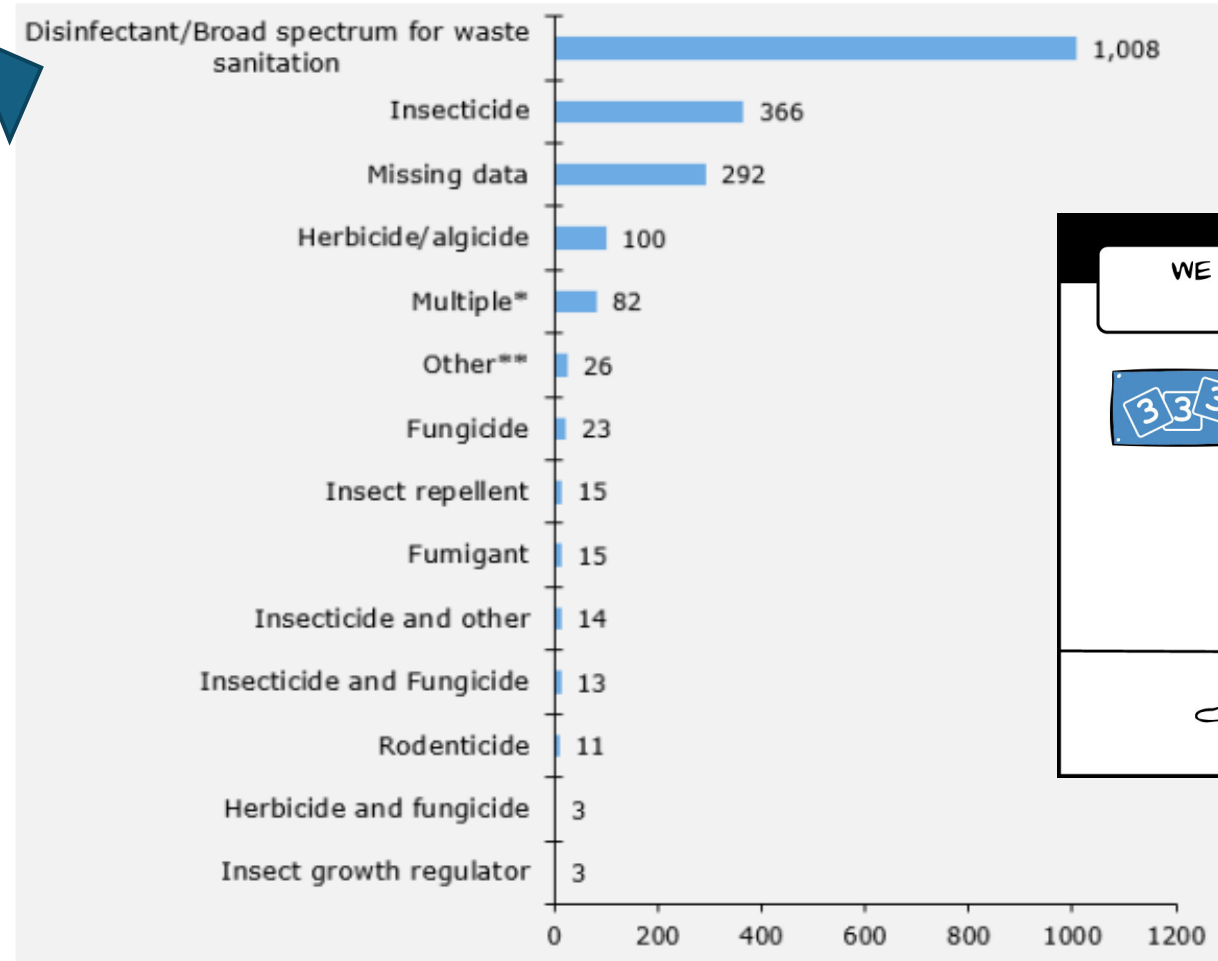


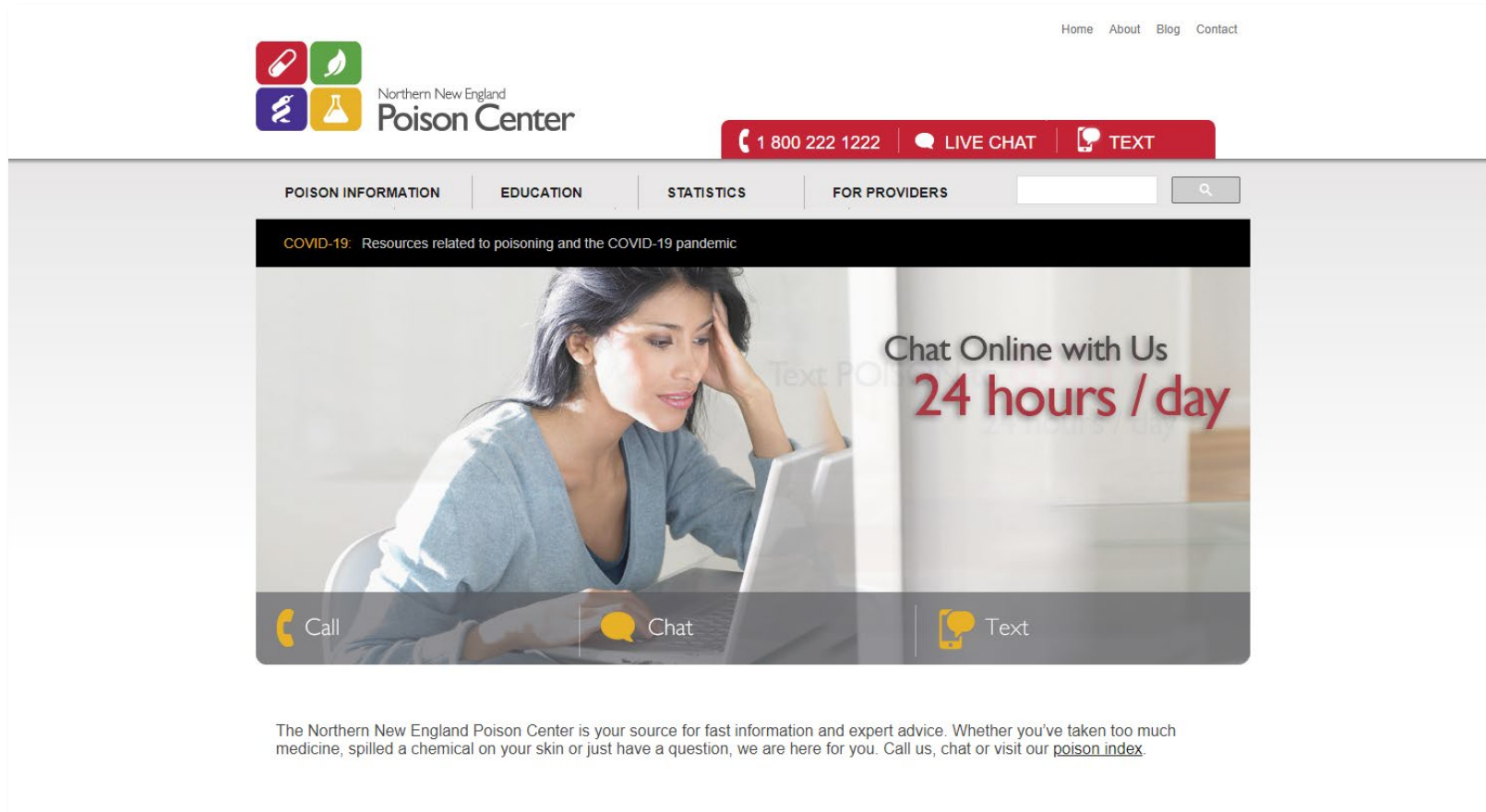
Figure 11: AOPP by product type: Texas, 2006-2015 (n=1,971)



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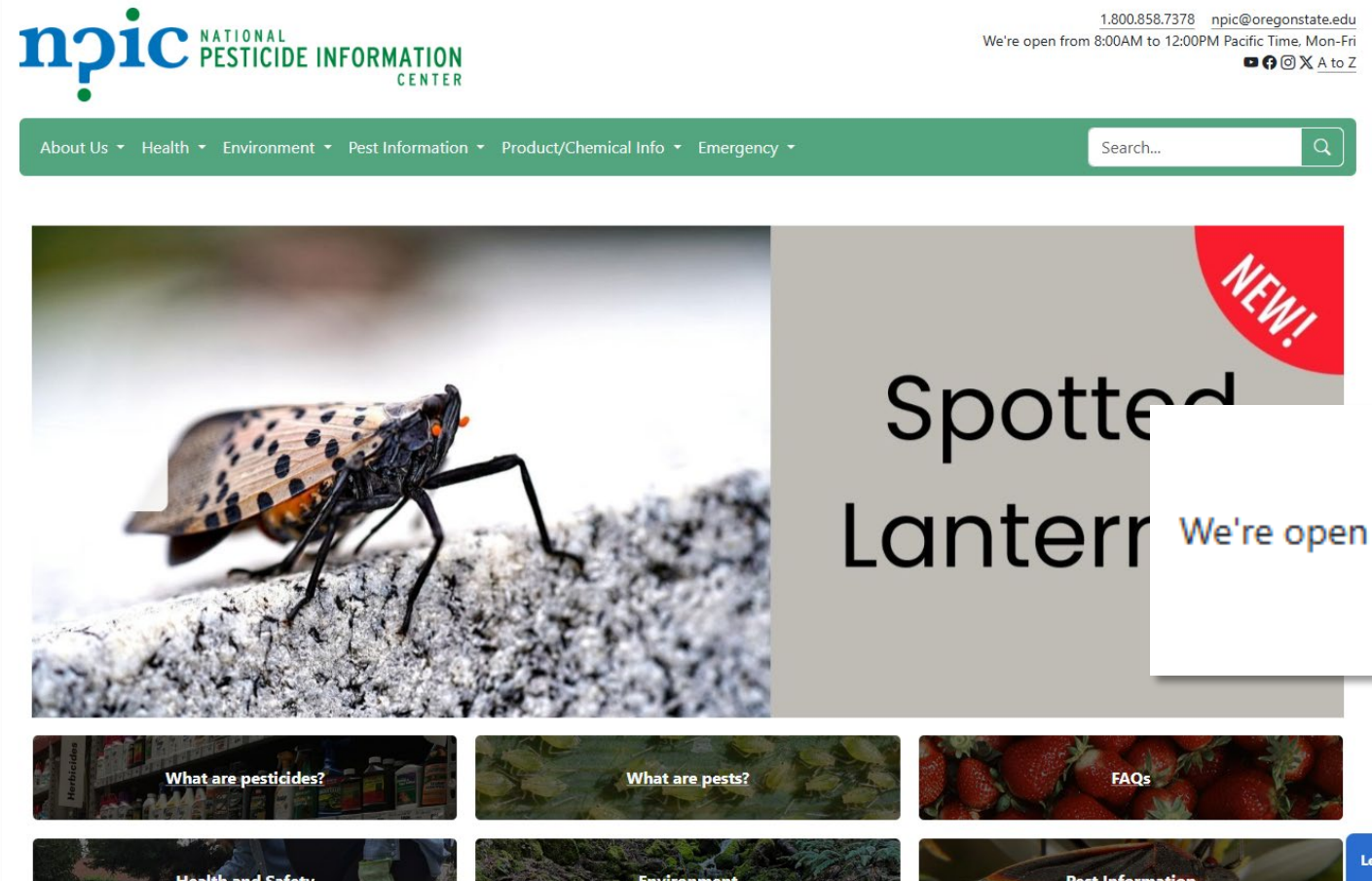
**Other includes biological controls or biopesticides (pesticides obtained from natural materials such as animals, plants, bacteria and certain minerals), plant growth regulators, antibiotics, etc.

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<https://www.kellysolutions.com/VT/>

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<https://agriculture.vermont.gov/public-health-agricultural-resource-management-division>

Poison control:

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