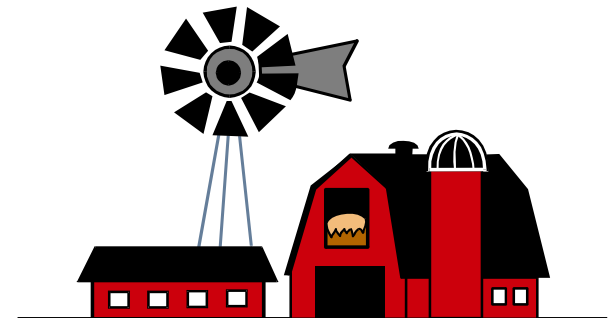


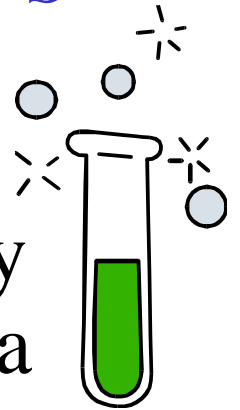
# Pesticide and Fertilizer Storage Security



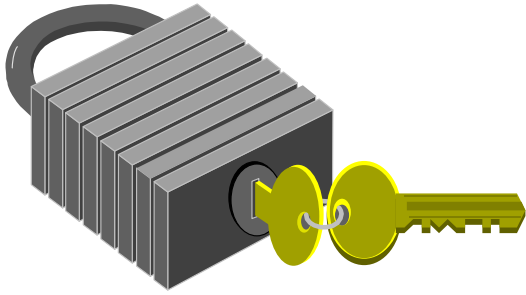
# Pesticides

- Our discussion of pesticide security includes herbicides along with other types of pesticides. Herbicides and other chemicals used to remove foliage or regulate plant growth are classified and regulated as pesticides under state and federal law.

# Pesticide security should always be of prime consideration.



- The potential for human harm, especially children, through incidental exposure is a concern.
- Other concerns include environmental harm, vandalism, and theft leading to possible misuse of products.
- \* **Some Pesticides have highly visible effects on human health.**

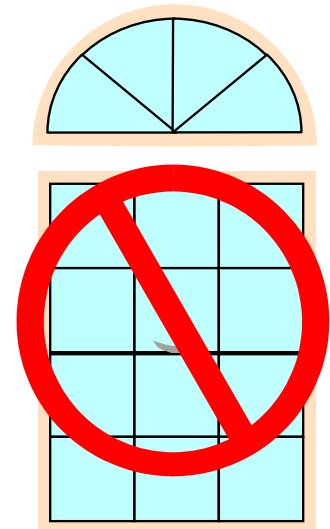


# Storage

- Maintain a separate location for the storage of pesticides.
- If the storage area is located within a larger structure, provide access through a separate outside door.
- Keep the storage area locked.
- Do not allow unauthorized access.

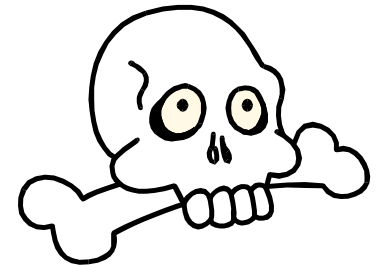
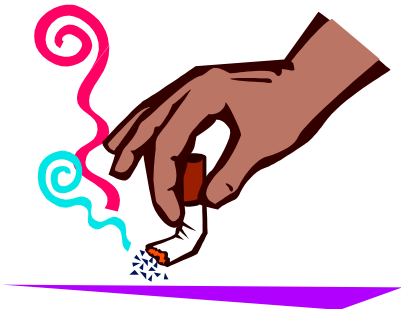
# Storage

- Ventilate the storage area properly, but do not use structures with windows large enough for someone to enter.
- Dogs can be effective deterrents against criminal activity.



# Storage

- Post the storage area to deter accidental exposure: Example  
    **“Danger--Pesticides--Keep Out”**
- Do not allow smoking near the storage area.  
    Post **“No Smoking”** signs.



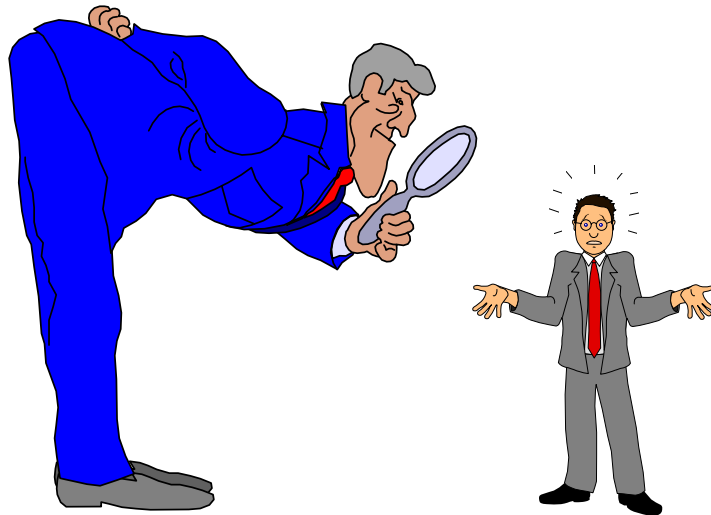
# Storage

- Store pesticides in their original containers. Make sure that the label is intact and all information is legible.
- Store pesticides away from food, feed, seed, and fertilizer.



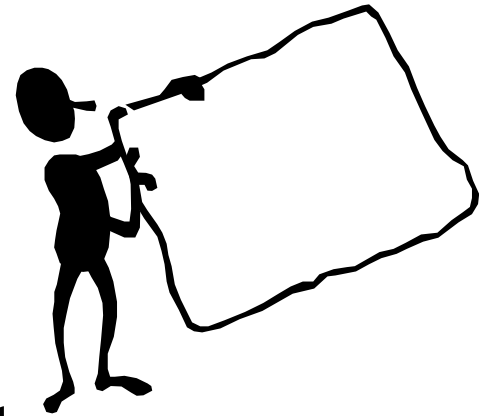
# Security

- Do not sell or give pesticides to someone you do not know.
- If you do sell pesticides, make sure the buyer has appropriate documentation.



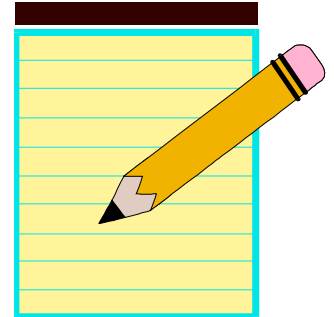


# Security



- Post the name, address, and telephone number of at least one contact person at the primary entrance to the storage area.
- Establish contact with local law enforcement and fire authorities.
- Post emergency numbers (Poison Control, police, fire department) in the storage area.

# Security



- Maintain a current inventory of products.
- At a minimum, list the product name, date of purchase, quantity, and location within the storage area.
- Store the inventory list separately from the storage area.
- Inspect the storage area regularly and maintain a log of the inspections.

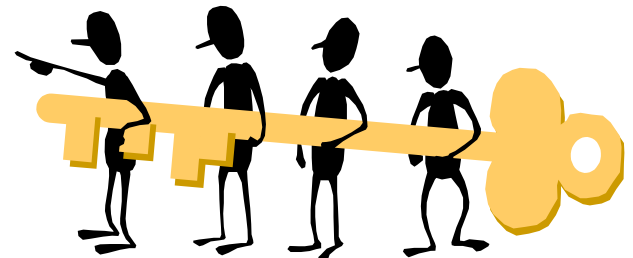
# Security



- Keep products identified for disposal locked in the storage area until they are disposed of.
- Keep pesticide application equipment secure.
- Never leave ignition keys in application equipment.

# Security

- Lock pesticide transport vehicles whenever the driver is away from the vehicle and ensure that unauthorized persons cannot get into areas of vehicles where pesticides are stored.
- Be aware of the potential for siphoning or otherwise stealing from filled tanks such as mini-bulk containers.



# Fertilizer Storage Security

Provide secure storage for fertilizers.

- \*Keep all ammonium nitrate fertilizers securely stored.

- \*Store away from pesticides

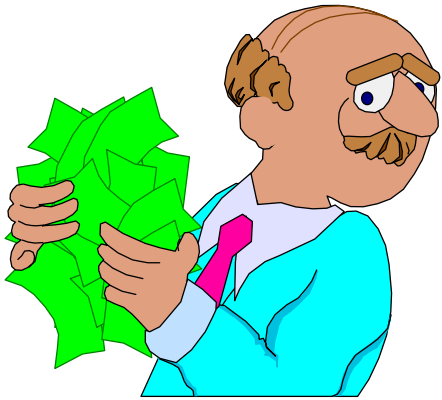
- \* Secure rail, truck and barge containers with cable seal locks when stored at your location.

- \*Maintain a current inventory of ammonium nitrate fertilizer and be able to account for its sale, distribution and use.

# Security

- Watch for unusual or suspicious behavior by a purchaser or other individuals who:
  - \* seem unfamiliar with details of using pesticides and/or fertilizers;
  - \* act nervous, seem uneasy or vague, and avoid eye contact;
  - \* demand immediate possession of purchased material instead of future delivery;





# Security

- \* ask for material in smaller, individual containers rather than in bulk;
- \* insist on paying with cash instead of using credit or a check.

# Security

- Promptly report any thefts of pesticides, fertilizer or equipment and any suspicious behavior to your local law enforcement agency and
- Contact the FDACS Agricultural Law Enforcement Office at 1-800-342-5869.



**Remember: Proper storage of pesticides and fertilizer is as important as using them safely in the field.**

