**What can I do as a parent??**

- Keep pesticides locked away & out of reach of children
- Keep pesticides in their original labeled container
- Keep children out of the house during spraying and air out before entering
- Know the signs and symptoms
- If your child has pesticide poisoning:
  1. Go to a doctor/clinic immediately!
  2. Take the label or pesticide with you!!!
  3. Prevent it from happening again!!!
What are pesticides???

- Any chemical used to KILL mice, rats, ants, bedbugs, fleas, cockroaches & other pests.
- These are harmful to CHILDREN, animals and the environment!

Where are pesticides found???

- **Home:**
  - Unmarked bottles of cockroach poison & chalks
  - Room & beds sprayed with *Doom* and other sprays.
  - Rat poisons
  - Pest shampoos & sprays
  - Lice shampoos

- **Garden:**
  - Recently sprayed plants & lawn
  - Empty/expired products lying around.

- Your NEIGHBOUR’S garden and home!

Why is my CHILD at risk???

- Their bodies are smaller and can’t handle the pesticide.
- Their brains are still growing and the chemicals can affect their growth.
- They are vulnerable because:
  - They are close to the ground.
  - They put their hands in their mouths a lot & eat what they find.
  - They do not know how dangerous the pesticides are.

How are they exposed???

1. Through the mouth e.g. eating food with rat poison/drinking bottles they find under the bed.
2. Through the skin e.g. sleeping on beds that have been sprayed for bugs.
3. Breathing it in e.g. left in a room that has been sprayed.

Is your child...

- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Drooling
- Tiredness
- Coughing
- Sweating and fever
- Shaking
- Eyes rolling back in the head
- Cannot walk

... she/he may be POISONED!!!(Turn over the page to see what you can do.)

What else can I use?

- For cockroaches & other insects: Mix borax & sugar on an old jar lid. Put out of children’s reach.
- For rats: Cover up all the places they can come in. Keep the rubbish closed. Use two rat traps per home.
- For ants: Put peppermint toothpaste or borax where the ants are.

WARNING: Borax is toxic if eaten!