



Safety Tips

A five-minute training Series for Pest Management Professionals.



Industry Security

The EPA has issued an Alert to all pesticide industry organizations, facilities, and handlers to promote a heightened state of security following the September 11th tragedies.

While there have not been any confirmed threats to the pesticide industry, the agency is asking for increased awareness to reduce the vulnerability within the industry. Similar request / guidelines have been issued to other industry groups.

The recommended considerations for enhanced security include the following:

- Securing buildings including storage facilities and the surrounding property: Preventing intrusion is one of the most fundamental security needs.
- Securing pesticide application equipment and vehicles: Ensure those operating and using this equipment are authorized and have appropriate identification. Ensure vehicles and equipment are stored properly.
- Keep your eyes open and report all suspicious activity immediately.
- Do not confront anyone suspected of inappropriate conduct. Instead, get a good description of the person or persons, their vehicle and license plate number and general location.
- Do not leave vehicles and equipment unattended for long periods of time if you can avoid it. If vehicles must be parked, then you should try to park them in well-lighted areas that are in plain view to the public.
- Take an inventory of the equipment and supplies on your truck. Be alert to items that may be missing and report suspected theft immediately with a detailed description of the missing item(s).
- Label all products so that they are clearly and accurately identifiable. This will allow a quick and appropriate response to potential health hazards.
- Be alert to both internal and external threats.
- Keep gates, doors, vehicles and non-monitored doors locked.