

La Familia / Casa y Campo Project Promotora Program



Pesticide Safety Lesson 5: Use Pesticides as a Last Resort

What the participant should know by the end of the lesson:

- Some of the potential health risks of insects
- How to repair the house to keep out bugs
- How to use pesticides responsibly

Materials:

- Handout: *Las Cucarachas y las Enfermedades*
- Handout: *Ratas y Enfermedades*
- Handout: *Garrapatas y Enfermedades*
- Handout: *How to Read a Pesticide Label*

Additional Materials:

- Handout: *Piojos y Enfermedades*
- Handout: *Virus del Nilo Occidental*
- Handout: *How to repair and replace a screen*
- Handout: *How to patch small holes in drywall*
- Handout: *How to patch large holes in drywall*

Tool Kit:

- Ant traps, sticky mouse traps, fly strips, boric acid, cockroach traps
- Screen repair kit, caulk, weather stripping, putty knife, insulating foam sealant

Help the participant think about the relative health risks of pesticides and insects.

Assessment:

- How do you feel about using pesticides in your home?

Activity:

Determine which pest(s) cause a problem in the participant's home.
Review the insect handouts.

Reflection:

- Are bugs or pesticides more dangerous for the health of your family? Why do you think that?

Help participant understand how they can use pesticides responsibly.

Assessment:

- Have you tried the following techniques to get rid of pests? What happened?
 - Starve them out!
 - Dry them out!
 - Keep them out!

Activities:

Show the participant how to use the items in the tool kit to make basic repairs. If they want more information, show them the fix-it handouts.

Review ways to use pesticides in a safe and responsible manner.

- Review handout: *How to Use Pesticides Responsibly*.
- Show examples of low toxicity pesticides.
- Review handout: *How to Read a Label*.

Reflection:

- What are you going to do with what you learned today?