Overview of Programs, Roles and Data

Pesticide Application Safety WG
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Overview

- Agency mission and goals
- How we serve workers and employers in the agricultural industry
- Overview of pesticide-related activities
Our mission
Keep Washington safe and working

Our goals

1. Make workplaces safe.
2. Help injured workers heal and return to work.
3. Make it easy to do business with L&I.
4. Help the honest workers and businesses by cracking down on the dishonest ones.
5. Ensure L&I is an employer of choice.
How we serve the agricultural industry

- Workers’ compensation program
- Workplace safety and health
- Employment standards
- Outreach

For this presentation, we’ve been asked to focus on workplace safety and health, specifically pesticide safety.
Division of Occupational Safety & Health

- DOSH administers Washington Industrial Safety & Health Act (WISHA).
- Authority delegated from federal OSHA
- Programs include:
  - Worker safety and industrial hygiene compliance
  - Worker safety whistleblower
  - Consultation
  - Education & Outreach
  - Standards & Technical Services
DOSH programs

- **Compliance**
  - Enforces WISHA in workplaces where the employer has workers.
  - Authorized to assess civil penalties.

- **Consultation**
  - Helps employers voluntarily comply with WISHA rules.
  - Does not issue penalties.

- **Education & Outreach**
  - Provides materials to help employers and workers understand safety and health requirements.

- **Standards & Technical Services**
  - Responsible for DOSH rulemaking projects.
  - Provides technical assistance.
L&I, WSDA and DOH Memorandum of Understanding – Pesticides

- Identifies roles and responsibilities of WSDA, L&I and DOH when conducting investigations related to the Pesticide Worker Protection Standards (WPS).
- Establishes L&I as the lead agency for all complaints in which there is an employer-employee relationship.
### DOSH Inspections

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Outreach to the Agricultural Industry

- 60 statewide consultants to provide agricultural employers and workers free worker safety and health advice.
- Hispanic Outreach program of additional 4 bilingual safety and health staff through a 10 hour Agriculture WISHA certification.
- Comprehensive outreach program through Agriculture Safety Day, training sessions, and Spanish-language media.
- Coordination with the Consulate of Mexico, Commission on Hispanic Affairs, and non-profit organizations on outreach and education events.
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