



Pictograms for Safe Handling

Much of the information contained on the label should also be represented by pictograms. Pictograms are simple illustrations designed to help illiterate or partially illiterate users understand the minimum precautions to be taken when handling or using pesticides. Although they are intended to be readily understandable, they are not always interpreted correctly.

The following points should be kept in mind to be effective in using pictograms to educate pesticide users:

- Pictograms are intended to supplement the existing text on labels, not to replace it.
- A few pictograms should be used rather than many in order not to confuse the pesticide user.
- Only essential pictograms are selected by ranking the warning and advice messages in their order of importance.
- The use of pictograms should not conflict with national regulations.

Sample Pictograms

Storage Pictograms



Keep locked away and out of
reach of children

Activity Pictograms



Handling liquid concentrate



Handling dry concentrate



Application

Advice Pictograms



Wear gloves



Wear eye protection



Wash after use



Wear boots



Wear protection over nose and mouth



Wear respirator



Wear overall



Wear apron



Wear faceshield

Warning Pictograms



Dangerous/harmful to animals



Dangerous/harmful to fish
- do not contaminate lakes,
rivers, ponds or streams
