

## ■ KANSAS PESTICIDE LAW

### TERMS:

**Pesticide Application Businesses** — In general, no firm or individual may, for compensation, engage in the business of applying pesticides on the property of another without being licensed as a pesticide business. Among other prerequisites, licensing requires payment of an application or renewal fee and proof of financial responsibility, in the form of a surety bond or liability insurance covering potential damages from pesticide accidents.

**Commercial Applicators** — It is generally unlawful to use any restricted pesticide without a commercial applicator's certificate, unless working under the supervision of a certified applicator. Applicants for such a certificate must, among other requirements, pass a written examination demonstrating adequate knowledge concerning the proper use of restricted pesticides.

**Private Applicators** — Agricultural producers who intend to use restricted pesticides on their own crops must apply for a private applicator's certificate, which may be issued only if the applicant passes an open-book examination indicating knowledge of pesticide problems, proper storage, handling and disposal procedures, pesticide labeling, and pesticide safety, among other matters.

**Unlawful Acts** — It is illegal for anyone to use pesticides in a manner contrary to instructions on the product's label, or to store or dispose of any pesticide or pesticide container in a manner which would cause injury to humans, vegetation, crops, livestock or wildlife. It is also illegal, among other offenses, for anyone required to be licensed or certified under the law to knowingly operate faulty or unsafe equipment, to fail or neglect to keep required records or to make required reports, or to use any method or material without considering the health, safety or welfare of the public.

**ENFORCEMENT:** *Pesticide and Fertilizer Program, Kansas Department of Agriculture, Manhattan, Kansas 66502 (785-564-6688).* A person who is injured or who suffers damages from someone else's use of pesticides may file a report of the incident with this agency within 60 days after it occurs.