

# Pest animal control

Follow these guidelines for safe and effective use.



## Always wear the right protective gear:

- When dealing with pesticides and fumigants always use gloves, gumboots or workboots, and wear overalls
- A respirator is necessary when working with some poisons/fumigants
- Always wear steel cap workboots when dealing with traps

## Storage

- Store pesticides in a locked area out of reach of children, in their original containers
- Do not use food containers etc. for storage containers

## Good practice

Make sure a stocked first aid kit and first aid trained person are on site

### Using poisons, pesticides and fumigants

- Always read the label first and follow the instructions and precautions carefully. Make sure you understand the risks
- Be aware of the symptoms and the first aid treatment for any poison before you use it
- Never open fumigant containers in the wind where you could be exposed to the fumes
- Do not use fumigants on wet days (some can ignite when wet)

### Using traps

- Make sure you have been trained to set the traps you are using
- Keep hands away from the openings of kill traps at all times to avoid injury

### Finishing the job

- Wash your hands when the job is done, especially before eating, drinking, smoking or using the toilet
- Keep a detailed record of what poisons, pesticides and fumigants you use and where

### Further information

- 📄 Bay of Plenty Regional Council Pest Animal Factsheets Sustainable Options Factsheets – [www.boprc.govt.nz/pestfactsheets](http://www.boprc.govt.nz/pestfactsheets)

## Let people know what you are doing

- Consult with a Bay of Plenty Regional Council Biosecurity Officer before using pesticides, fumigants or trapping pest animals
- Discuss your plans with the landowner and close neighbours before starting work
- In areas used by members of the public, consult with a Bay of Plenty Regional Council Land Management Officer first as you may need a permit. Use signs or advertise in newspapers to let people know what is happening
- Make sure you have a licence if required. Poisons such as phosphorus and cyanide require a licence