

# CPPUPM3006 Manage pests by applying pesticides

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# **Modification History**

Release 3 This version first released with CPP Property Services Training Package Release 14.0.

Typographical correction from *pscoids* to psocids in the Knowledge Evidence and Performance Evidence.

Release 2 This version first released with CPP Property Services Training Package Release 13.1.

Fixed incorrect terminology replaced, *paperlice* reference with *pscoids* in Performance Evidence and Knowledge Evidence.

Release 1 This version first released with CPP Property Services Training Package Release 9.0.

Supersedes and equivalent CPPPMT3006 Manage pests by applying pesticides.

# **Application**

This unit specifies the skills and knowledge required to apply pesticides to manage a range of non-timber pests such as ants, cockroaches, rodents and spiders in premises where public health and safety and the amenity of the community and environment may be affected. The unit includes gaining a thorough understanding of client requirements and factors contributing to the pest problem and assessing the nature and extent of pest activity at the site. It requires selecting appropriate equipment, pesticides and application methods to safely and efficiently manage pests.

The unit does not apply to inspecting for, or managing termites or other timber pests, or non-chemical pest management where the environment is modified to manage pests.

A person working at this level would be expected to take responsibility for organising and completing tasks assigned to them without close supervision.

This unit forms part of the licensing requirements for people engaged in pest management in some states and territories. For further information, check with the relevant regulatory authority.

# **Pre-requisite Unit**

Nil

#### **Unit Sector**

Urban Pest Management

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#### **Elements and Performance Criteria**

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

Performance criteria describe what needs to be done to demonstrate achievement of the element.

- 1 Confirm client and compliance requirements.
- 1.1 Review work instructions to confirm client requirements, site location and pest management timeframes and clarify issues with relevant persons.
- 1.2 Review workplace policies and procedures and regulatory and industry requirements for managing pests using pesticides and apply to work instructions to ensure compliance.
- 2 Inspect work site and identify pests or pest activity.
- 2.1 Establish contact with relevant persons and access work site according to client and workplace requirements.
- 2.2 Determine inspection method and select and use required inspection tools and equipment including personal protective equipment (PPE).
- 2.3 Identify hazards associated with inspection tasks and assess and control risks at the site according to workplace requirements.
- 2.4 Examine site buildings and surrounds to identify pest entry points, evidence of activity and risk factors according to work instructions.
- 2.5 Assess evidence to identify pest types and extent and potential for pest activity and record findings.
- 3 Plan pest management activities.
- 3.1 Select pesticide and application methods to manage identified pest types and extent and potential of pest activity.
- 3.2 Conduct risk assessment and plan risk management strategies to ensure safety and regulatory compliance when managing pests using pesticides.
- 3.3 Identify factors affecting completion of pest management activities or compliance and obtain required information or assistance.
- 3.4 Prepare and document a pest management plan that addresses the client's pest problem and meets workplace

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and compliance requirements.

- 3.5 Discuss proposed pest management methods with client to clarify issues and concerns and confirm understanding of chemical control aspects of pest management plan and obtain approval to proceed.
- 3.6 Calculate work site size and usage pattern to plan work activities to ensure safety of personnel and efficient use of equipment and pesticides.
- 4 Prepare equipment and 4.1 pesticides and treat work site.
- 4.1 Install signs or barriers to maximise protection of public health and safety during site treatment, notify occupants, and implement other risk control measures required to manage hazards identified at the work site.
  - 4.2 Read and follow manufacturers' instructions and safety data sheets (SDS) for selected pesticides and application methods.
  - 4.3 Select and use PPE for pesticide application according to manufacturers' instructions and SDS.
  - 4.4 Select pesticides according to risk assessment and pest management plan.
  - 4.5 Select, check and adjust application equipment and confirm correct and safe operation according to manufacturers' instructions and workplace requirements.
  - 4.6 Calculate application area, estimate required quantities of pesticides, and prepare pesticides for application following manufacturers' instructions and directions on product labels.
  - 4.7 Calibrate pump sprayer and check nozzles and flow rate to ensure correct application for surface being treated according to manufacturers' instructions.
  - 4.8 Apply pesticides at work site and check to ensure correct application according to pest management plan and compliance requirements.
  - 4.9 Recognise and promptly respond to emergency situation according to workplace requirements.

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- 5 Finalise work and complete documentation.
- 5.1 Remove equipment, pesticides and waste from pest management activities and restore work site to meet client and compliance requirements.
- 5.2 Transport and store pesticides and dispose of waste removed from work site according to manufacturers' instructions, workplace and compliance requirements.
- 5.3 Eliminate hazards prior to site handover and remove signage or barriers according to workplace and compliance requirements.
- Notify relevant persons of residual hazards, necessary hazard reduction measures and site re-entry periods.
- 5.5 Clean and decontaminate equipment and PPE according to manufacturers' instructions and workplace requirements.
- 5.6 Check equipment and PPE to confirm safe and correct operation, record required maintenance and store to allow ready access and re-use.
- 5.7 Treat exposed skin to remove any contamination according to product manufacturers' instructions and workplace requirements.
- 5.8 Complete and distribute pest management documentation to meet workplace and compliance requirements.

#### **Foundation Skills**

Candidates require:

- oral communication skills to use clear explanations, active listening and questioning skills to convey, clarify and confirm information provided to clients
- reading skills to interpret key requirements of manufacturers' instructions and SDS
- numeracy skills to dilute and mix pesticides in the correct ratios.

# **Unit Mapping Information**

Supersedes and equivalent to CPPPMT3006 Manage pests by applying pesticides.

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### Links

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