

A vote for my child's health

**Please do not spray hazardous pesticides
where my child eats, plays and learns**



Did you know ...

- Pesticide exposure today may increase a child's risk of developing a chronic disease or dysfunction later in life. [1]
- Evidence indicates that many pesticides are toxic to the brain of the developing child. Up to one in six children grows up with a developmental disability, in many cases affecting the nervous system, including learning disabilities, attention deficit disorders and mental retardation. [2]
- Several studies implicate pesticides in a range of conditions affecting children's health, including cancer, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and leukaemia. [3]
- Father's exposure to agricultural pesticides appears to increase the likelihood of kidney and brain cancer in the child. [3]
- Pesticide exposure during childhood may increase the risk of asthma, the leading cause of school absenteeism due to chronic illness. [4] [5]
- Very young children absorb more pesticides from what they eat than adults. [1]

Dear

I am very happy to learn that MEPs are taking the evidence on potential health effects of pesticides seriously. Parliamentarians in the Environment Committee have voted strongly in favour of protecting children's health within both the Directive on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides and on the Regulation for the Authorisation of pesticide sale on the market.

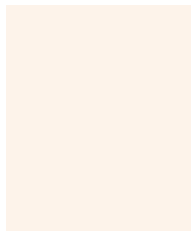
I am writing to ask you to vote in support of children's health at the plenary vote coming up on 23-25 October. I would like to see a ban on the sale of the most hazardous pesticides and on pesticide use in and around areas where children spend most of their time. **Make children's space pesticide free and protect their health with your vote!**

Thank you,

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*For more information, see **Health & Environment Alliance**
www.env-health.org or Pesticide Watch www.pesticidewatch.eu websites*

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