

STORING PESTICIDES AND OTHER CHEMICALS

All harmful pesticides must be kept in secure lockable containers when stored. The store needs to be large enough to hold your peak requirements and any part used containers. Also, you need to provide adequate storage for rinsed empty containers awaiting disposal.

LOCATION

Site your store away from areas that present a risk of fire and at least four metres away from hay, straw, diesel, oils, paints, fertilisers, paper, wood stacks, gas containers and other combustible materials. Must also be kept away from domestic dwellings and sources of ignition. Do not site stores near to drains, watercourses, wells and boreholes, or areas liable to flooding.

Ensure that all staff know what to do in the event of a chemical spillage or fire, and that there is ready access for chemical deliveries or the emergency services.

CONSTRUCTION

You need to provide a store that is resistant to fire for 30 minutes, capable of retaining leakage/spillage, adequately ventilated and secure against unauthorised access. The store should be able to contain leakage or spillage to a volume of 100% of the total quantity likely to be stored (185% if you are in an 'environmentally sensitive area') Ensure sure that doors/lids provide adequate security and are kept locked

ORGANISING

Mark the exterior of the store with the general chemical danger warning sign and put 'No Smoking' or 'Smoking and Naked Flames Forbidden' prohibitory signs on it.

Ensure that products can be adequately seen by staff. As a general rule, store powders above liquids and provide absorbent granules and a spill kit to deal with any spillages

