

Risk of spraying



Healthy workers a key in Europe's growth model

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Trade Union's interest

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Historical overview

- **Late 80' Ban pesticides in public parks**
- **Early 90' Human and environment**
- **Middel 90' Map of municipalities' pesticides use**
- **Late 90' For Nature sake**
- **Middel 90' Green care**
- **Late 90' Pesticide ban at cemeteries**
- **Late 90' Agreement between the Government and municipalities' to minimize pesticide use**



Historical overview

- **Late 90' Spray operators training (DK-EU)**
- **Early 00' focus on the costs of using pesticides**
- **Middel 00' Problems for pregnant workers in greenhouses**
- **Middel 00' Focus on Re-entry**
- **Late 00' Action on endocrine disrupting pesticides**
- **Early 10' Approval of spraying equipment**
- **Late 10' nano pesticides?????**

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Approval of pesticides

- **Why approves EU for example, pesticides that giving endocrine disruption, cancer, harm your onborn baby?**
- **Why do not many have focus on the possibility to substitute the highly hazardous pesticides with other methods or less hazardous pesticides?**
- **Why isn't there a better interconnection between health and safety authorities and EPA before approval a pesticides?**



Training and instruction

- **Ensure that spray operators have the proper training**
- **Ensure that the spray operators get the update courses**
- **Ensure that you have prepared a proper workplace assesment**
- **Ongoing updates workplace assesment**

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Pregnant

- **Organized work**
 - Both women and men
 - Before, during and after pregnancy
 - Endocrine disrupters

For pregnant women working in greenhouse

- www.gravidigartneri.dk



Conclusions

- **The use of pesticides is that necessary**
- **More focus on H&S problems for spray operators**
- **More focus on the cost of pesticides use**
- **Is it possible to substitute?**
- **Will sustainable use of pesticides create jobs?**

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