



Landholder guidelines for the purchase of 1080 and Strychnine

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To assess your full responsibilities you must consult the relevant [Codes of Practice](#) and other relevant legislation. The following provides a brief summary of the minimum requirements for Landholders and S7 Retailers.

Under Section 24 of the *Poisons Act 1964*, 1080 and Strychnine in Western Australia is administered by the Department of Health (DoH). The Department of Agriculture and Food WA (DAFWA) is an authorised Department under Section 24 to manufacture and administer the above products for agricultural protection on behalf of DoH.

Currently farmers and pastoralists in Western Australia that want access to 1080 or strychnine for the control of declared animals require authorisation from the Chief Executive Officer of the Department to transport and use the products on their properties. To gain this authority farmers and pastoralists are required to complete an application form and present it to their local DAFWA Biosecurity officers who will then undertake a Risk Assessment of the proposed use of 1080 or strychnine and ensure that the applicant or their nominated person is appropriately trained in its use.

If approved the authorised person is provided with an approval form that identifies the poison to be used, the quantity of the poison authorised, a set timeframe to use the poison and a voucher authorising supply. Landholders are then required to present the voucher to an S7 retailer to collect their authorised poisons.

Department of Health Regulations require S7 retailers to store 1080 and strychnine products in a lockable container, with-in a secure, lockable cabinet/cage/building (*i.e. there must be two lockable barriers between the product and the outside*). Landholders are required to transport and store 1080 and Strychnine in a secure lockable container.

The process

1. Landholders must apply for use of 1080 and strychnine through your local Department of Agriculture and Food WA (DAFWA).
2. Risk Assessment and Approval is undertaken by DAFWA (*the landholder must have had training in the safe use and handling of 1080 and /or strychnine*).
3. A 1080 or strychnine Authorisation Voucher is issued to the landholder; may be sent direct to the S7 retailer with prior arrangement, or kept by the DAFWA officer, for the product to be collected by them personally from the retailer. (Some products have restrictions on who can collect them from the S7 retailer – see below).
4. The Authorisation Voucher states who is authorised to pick up the 1080 or strychnine product. Only the person nominated to receive the 1080 or strychnine product listed on the Authorisation Voucher can pick up the product. S7 retailers must verify the identity of the person picking up the product (*e.g. driver's licence*).
5. Landholders can only pick up (on presentation of a valid Authorisation Voucher) 1080 products ready for direct field application or strychnine for use on wild dog trap jaws to be used on properties within the local government areas as listed in *Appendix A, Schedules 1 and 2 of the Code of Practice for the Safe Use and Management of Strychnine* (in the Agricultural areas strychnine for use on dog trap jaws is restricted to the following shires: Chapman Valley, Dalwallinu, Esperance, Lake Grace, Morawa, Mt Marshall, Mukinbudin, Narembeen, Nungarin, Ravensthorpe, Perenjori, Koorda, Kondinin, Kulin, Northampton, Mullewa, Yilgarn and Westonia. Other locations can be approved by Authorising Officers of DAFWA).
6. Only suitably endorsed licensed pest management technicians or Authorised Officers from DAFWA can pick up 1080 concentrate formulations *i.e.* "one shot" impregnated oats, 1080 Concentrate liquid or strychnine for the preparation of emu bait. These are restricted products and cannot be picked up by a landholder.
7. S7 Retailers must keep all records of 1080 and strychnine sales and transfers on file for a minimum of two years from the supply date. These are needed to comply with the audits undertaken by the Department of Health. (Refer to '*Requirements for Record Keeping*' of the relevant '*Code of Practice - April 2009*') which will be provided by DAFWA.
8. If requested, S7 retailers must supply landholders with the manufacturer's MSDS for the product/s and/or be directed to the relevant Code of Practice on the DAFWA website.

If you have any queries concerning 1080 and strychnine products and procedures, please contact your local office of the Department of Agriculture and Food.