

Resolution on pesticides for 2004 fall

WHEREAS the Ontario College of Family Physicians, after a comprehensive review of pesticide research, (1) found “consistent links to serious illnesses such as cancer, reproductive problems and neurological diseases, among others”, (2) found that children are particularly vulnerable to pesticides, and (3) calls for political action to reduce pesticide use*,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THATurges the Saskatchewan Government to take steps to reduce children’s exposure to pesticides. This could include steps such as:

1. a province-wide ban or restrictions on the use of pesticides in areas frequented by children such as school yards, daycares, parks, playing fields, and in and around hospitals.
2. the publication of pamphlets and their distribution at medical clinics encouraging parents to reduce their children’s exposure to pesticides at and around home,
3. the formation of an office of organic agriculture and gardening to ensure the availability of information, products, and training for those interested in making the transition to organics.

*This study is available at the College’s website, www.ocfp.on.ca.

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As a comment to be included in the *Strategy for a Green and Sustainable Economy*.