



**Pesticide Poison Kills 2 Little Girls in Utah**

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This article is about a tragic accident involving Fumitoxin, a fumigant used to kill pests such as termites. The wrong combination of climate, moisture, and air pressure can force the toxin into a home where it shouldn't go. Like skunk odor, it can be pushed down or up with air flow. In this case, the toxin was pushed into the home through cracks in the foundation or window well or some other location, resulting in two deaths.

**Family loses 2nd child in suspected pesticide poisoning**

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LAYTON — Three days after 4-year-old Rebecca Toone, of Layton, died from apparent exposure to a pesticide, her 15-month-old sister, Rachel, passed away. Both girls died after having similar symptoms just days after their home was treated to get rid of rodents.

**Family heartbroken over loss of two daughters**

"Heartbroken" is the word the Toone family used to describe their feelings about what the family calls "heroic efforts to save her life following heart failure."



In a statement, the Toone family said their two older children mourn the loss of Rebecca, who died Saturday, and Rachel, who died the next few days, and we request that you keep their lives with our friends and family in your thoughts.

The parents, Brenda and Nathan Toone, are mourning the loss of Rachel.

*As noted in these REAL headlines, Pesticides Can Kill. We at AIPM feel it is extremely important to have oversight of our licensed technicians. In addition to all employees having licenses and certificates, AIPM has a pest control advisor and biologist on staff to oversee technicians licensed by the state. We provide your family and neighbors with what we would want for ours. As a board of directors, you can have the peace of mind knowing that you have hired the most qualified company when it comes to your community's safety.  
**Hire the best. Hire AIPM.***

**New California Pesticide Poisoning Data Shows Increase**

(Beyond Pesticides, April 6, 2009) Despite an earlier report showing a decrease in pesticide use in the state, pesticide-related illnesses and injuries in California have doubled in 2007 from 2006 according to new data from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR). The 2007 pesticide exposure data also shows that twice as many illnesses investigated are associated with non-agricultural pesticide use than are reported for agricultural purposes. A total of 45 percent of the illnesses investigated are associated with pesticide exposure to structural, sanitation and home garden pesticide use, while 22 percent are associated with agricultural pesticide use. The 2007 illness and incident data show that 1,479 illnesses were investigated and 66 percent, or 982 cases, were linked to pesticide exposure. For 157 cases, information was unavailable for investigation follow-up, yet, should not necessarily be discounted.

**Do Your Due Diligence!**

*Are you baffled by pest control regulations? Do you know if your pest control company is properly licensed & bonded? Are their technicians properly educated and trained so that you are protected from more than just pests?*

*Animal & Insect Pest Management Inc. (AIPM) understands your concerns about education, safety & licensing as you set out to contract for treatment of insect*

*& rodent pests on common area slopes and landscaping. We understand that your concerns also include the areas in and around the homes in which your residents live.*

*AIPM has developed a checklist to help gather the information YOU need to ensure that ALL the appropriate licenses are in place at the pest control company you are considering – before you sign or renew the contract.*

**THE LICENSES & REGULATIONS CHECKLIST**

1. Your Pest Control Company's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office Location \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office & Warehouse located in Home Garage or Business Complex \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Employees \_\_\_\_\_ Year Began \_\_\_\_\_

## Part A: STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD LICENSES

2. In California, in order to legally bid for insect and rodent control the company must be licensed by the Structural Pest Control Board. Some examples of the type of pest control work requiring these licenses:

- A resident/clubhouse needs a rat/mouse trapping in their attic.
- A resident requests rat bait stations in their yard or next to their home for added security.
- A resident requests an insect (ants, spiders, etc.) spray on the interior or exterior of their home.
- A resident or clubhouse needs removal of bees or wasps that have taken up residence in the attic space or walls of the residents' home or clubhouse building structure.
- A resident calls your management company for a recommendation of a pest control company.

Structural Pest Control Business License # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

3. At least one of their employees (aka the "qualifying manager") must hold an "Operators License."  
Structural Pest Control Operator's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Structural Pest Control Operator's License (OPR) # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

4. Anyone giving bids and quotes must be either an OPR or hold a Field Rep Branch II License.

Name of person providing bids and quotes \_\_\_\_\_  
either Structural Pest Control Operators License (OPR) # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_  
or Field Rep Branch II License (FRBR II) # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

5. All technicians servicing accounts must hold a Registered Applicator's License (RA).

Name of technician \_\_\_\_\_  
Registered Applicator's License (RA) # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Name of technician \_\_\_\_\_  
Registered Applicator's License (RA) # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

## Part B: DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION LICENSES\*

6. An additional set of licenses are required in order for your pest control company to use restricted materials (such as Aluminum Phosphide to treat for gophers in landscaping throughout the community). These licenses are issued through the Department of Pesticide Regulation not the Structural Pest Control Board.

*\*NOTE: These licenses are easier to obtain but a company who only holds these licenses cannot legally perform structural pest control as outlined in item 2 of the checklist.*

Pest Control Business License # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

**7.** Most cities and some private businesses require their vendors to have a PCA license and a Bachelor's degree in Biology on staff to perform work on city parks, golf courses and cemeteries. An added advantage to having a Pest Control Advisor (PCA) at your Pest Control Company is that this licensing is mandatory for pesticide work related to food crop safety. And, though a PCA license is mandatory for pest work performed for cities, we highly recommend a PCA on staff at all Pest Control Companies because they are well-trained to address similar safety concerns of pesticide use around adults, children and pets when treating in and around the homes in your community.

Pest Control Advisor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pest Control Advisor (PCA) License # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree \_\_\_\_\_ University \_\_\_\_\_ Year Earned \_\_\_\_\_

**8.** At least one of their employees must hold a "Qualified Applicator License."

Qualified Applicator's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Qualified Applicator License (QAL) # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**9.** All technicians servicing accounts using Aluminum phosphide must hold a Qualified Applicators Certificate or Qualified Applicators License (QAC/QAL).

Name of technician: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualified Applicator's Certificate (QAC/QAL)# \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of technician: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualified Applicator's Certificate (QAC/QAL)# \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part C: DUE DILIGENCE VERIFICATION

(of your Pest Control Company's License and County Registration)

**PESTICIDES CAN KILL. DUE DILIGENCE IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE SAFETY OF ADULTS, CHILDREN AND PETS THROUGHOUT YOUR COMMUNITY.**

The licenses listed in Part A and Part B are mandatory for the State of California in Homeowner Associations depending upon the type of pests being treated, only exception is the PCA license in item 6. At the county level, all pest control companies must register in every county in which they provide services and must get a restricted materials permit prior to performing any work with these pesticides.

**10.** Verification process: It is important to verify all of the licenses of your pest control company. They must be renewed every year and it is public information. You can verify in two easy steps.

**Step One -- Verify the business and employee licenses using the online websites:**

**A. Structural Pest Control Board (SPCB):** <http://www.pestboard.ca.gov>

Click on "Verify a License" found on the menu bar on the left side to verify the following licenses:

- Company Registration Business License
- Operator's License (OPR)
- Field Representative (FR BRII) \*\*
- Registered Applicator (RA) \*\*

*\*\*valid only with 1 person at same company holding their OPR & the same company has their "Company Registration Business License."*

**B. Department of Pesticide Regulations (DPR): <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov>**

Click on "Licensing" found on the menu bar on the left side to verify the following licenses:

- Pest Control Business License
- Pest Control Advisor (PCA)
- Qualified Applicator License (QAL)
- Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) \*\*

*\*\*valid only with 1 person at same company holding their QAL & the same company has their "Pest Control Business License."*

**Step Two -- Call your Agricultural Commissioners "Weights & Measures" Office in the county you reside in. Verify the company is registered with the county and has the restricted materials permit**

Kern County (661) 868-6300

Los Angeles County (626) 575-5471

Monterey County (831) 759-7325

Orange County (714) 955-0100

San Luis Obispo County (805) 781-5910

Ventura County (805) 933-3165

County of \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions to ask the Commissioner's office:**

a. Is (*Company Name*) licensed & registered to perform structural pest control in my county?  
Yes or No Expires \_\_\_\_\_

b. Is (*Company Name*) licensed & registered to perform non-agriculture pest control in my county?  
Yes or No Expires \_\_\_\_\_

c. Have they obtained Restricted Materials Permit for use of Aluminum Phosphide, Strychnine, Zinc Phosphide? Yes or No Expires \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember to check your pest control company's insurances to see if they have adequate coverage in case of an emergency or disaster.**



Animal & Insect Pest Management Inc. licenses are up-to-date and always follow State and Federal laws and regulations. Their highest priority is keeping your families, pets and employees safe while getting rid of the pests. Here is a short list of their licenses.

**Business Licenses:** (SPCB) Company Registration PR 5460;  
(DPR) Pest Control Business Main License No. 33431

**Individual Licenses:** (SPCB/OPR) #11559; (DPR/QAL) #103391;  
(DPR/PCA) #74409

**For a COMPLETE list of all AIPM's Licenses and Insurance Coverages, please feel free E-MAIL: [info@animalinsectpm.com](mailto:info@animalinsectpm.com) or CALL 888.344.6567**