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### **Pesticide Exposure Victim Admitted to Loma Linda University Medical Center**

**Date/Time:** May 23, 2014/12:55 p.m.  
**Location:** 10500 block of Mountain View Avenue, Loma Linda  
**Incident:** Hazardous Materials Response

**Summary:** After a lockdown at Loma Linda University Medical Center due to a suspected pesticide exposure, San Bernardino County Fire, Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) Hazardous Materials Responders were requested by Loma Linda Fire to respond to Sierra Vista Apartments in the 10500 block of Mountain View Avenue in Loma Linda, to assist in investigating a suspected chemical exposure that sent one victim to the Emergency Room.

Responders arrived at the apartment complex and conducted a scene assessment and tested a possible source of the exposure. It was determined that the chemical was a commonly used residential herbicide.

This coordinated and prompt response from San Bernardino County OFM Hazardous Materials Responders, Loma Linda and Colton Fire Departments provided valuable information to the Emergency Room staff, thus enabling them to provide the needed medical attention to their patient.

Always follow labeling instructions for appropriate protective clothing, as well as proper application of pesticides and herbicides. Only apply the recommended amount. And always remember to keep all poisons out of the reach of children and animals.

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