



# NPIC NPID INCIDENT SEVERITY INDEX DEFINITIONS

Pesticide specialists assign the Severity Index to each exposed human or animal entity, without regard to the Consistency Index, using these criteria:

## ***No Effect***

The person or animal did not develop any signs or symptoms as a result of the exposure.

## ***Minor Effect***

The person or animal developed some signs or symptoms, but they were minimally bothersome and generally resolved rapidly with no residual disability or disfigurement. A minor effect is often limited to the skin or mucous membranes, and often resolves in 24 hours. (e.g., self-limited gastrointestinal symptoms, drowsiness, skin or eye irritation, headache, dizziness, and transient cough).

## ***Moderate Effect***

The person or animal exhibited signs or symptoms that were more pronounced, more prolonged (>24 hours), or more systemic in nature than minor symptoms. Usually, some form of treatment is indicated. Symptoms were not life-threatening, and the patient had no residual disability or disfigurement (e.g., corneal abrasion, high fever, disorientation, and isolated brief seizures.)

## ***Major Effect***

The person or animal exhibited signs or symptoms that were life-threatening or resulted in significant residual disability or disfigurement (e.g., repeated seizures, respiratory compromise requiring intubation, cardiac or respiratory arrest, and coma.)

## ***Death***

The person or animal died.