

Magtoxin - How to use.

Safety First

Magtoxin is a dangerous substance which can cause illness or death if swallowed, inhaled or absorbed through the skin. Keep the pellets out of the reach of children at all times. Read the safety precautions on the container label and comply with these.

How Magtoxin Works

Magtoxin pellets contain magnesium phosphide. They release toxic phosphine gas when they make contact with moisture. The speed of the phosphine gas release is dependent on the amount of moisture present. The pellets work well as a rabbit burrow and wasp nest fumigant when soil moisture is above 10%. Phosphine is a colourless gas with a pungent carbide odour. The gas odour is detectable even at low levels. When inhaled, the gas is absorbed into the bloodstream through the pulmonary-vascular system, impairing breathing and leading to death. Rabbits which become exposed to the gas and escape the burrow may die several days later.

Using Magtoxin

Place 2 pellets into each burrow or entrance as far down as possible. In dry, sandy or rocky soil you may need to place the pellets on damp paper or other damp material to accelerate phosphine gas release. Seal all entrances if possible, taking care not to cover the pellets with earth. Due to the phosphine gas being heavier than air, it is not

essential to perfectly seal all entrances. For larger warrens and wasp nests, use up to 5 pellets per entrance.

Precautions During Use

When applying magtoxin, position yourself upwind to avoid accidental inhalation of the gas, ensure dogs are tied up well away from the burrows and transfer pellets directly from the container to the burrow. Do not place loose pellets in the pockets of your clothing. When transporting pellets, ensure that containers are tightly sealed and placed in a secure location away from any dampness or moisture.

Symptoms of Poisoning

Symptoms of poisoning may take several hours to appear. Mild poisoning will cause fatigue, tightness in the chest, nausea, apprehension and ringing in the ears. In cases of poisoning by swallowing pellets, give the patient 2 glasses of water and make the patient vomit by placing a finger down the throat. Repeat until vomit is clear in appearance. If the patient has lost consciousness, do not induce vomiting. Apply the Holger-Neilson resuscitation technique **NOT CPR** and call a doctor immediately.

For advice, contact the National Poisons Centre 0800 POISON (0800 764 766) or a doctor immediately.

Make the label information available to the doctor.



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