



Best Practice Guidance Note: Public Areas.

Spraying of pesticides in public areas is clearly an important issue, especially adjacent to schools, hospitals, parks and other such areas.

With implementation of the EU Sustainable Use Directive, the government may set down rules for spraying in these areas.

Until that time, the following “Best Practice” guidelines should be followed:

1. When spraying in any public areas, ALWAYS work with due regard for bystander safety. Wherever possible, use air induction (low drift) nozzle technology in spraying equipment – particularly for hard surface areas - *where you should not be using any other type of nozzle in hydraulic sprayers*. Additionally, use boom shrouds wherever possible and make use of controlled droplet application equipment. It is very important to reduce spray drift to the absolute minimum.
2. When spraying in or around schools, do so ONLY during school holidays or weekends.
3. Sports facilities – bowling greens, golf courses, pitches, etc - should be sprayed during periods of non-use. Again, use air induction nozzles whenever possible. It is also good practice to erect warning signs whilst spraying such facilities.
4. Always use the safest product available. Your COSHH assessments should be pointing you in this direction, but MAKE SURE that you are.

