



DANGEROUS POISON

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
READ SAFETY DIRECTIONS BEFORE OPENING OR USING

STRYCHNINE FOR USE ON WILD DOG TRAPS

RESTRICTED CHEMICAL PRODUCT – ONLY TO BE SUPPLIED TO OR USED BY AN
AUTHORISED PERSON. FOR USE IN SA ONLY

Instructions for use

AVAILABILITY

Under the Regulations of the *Animal Welfare Act 2012*, strychnine **must** be applied to the jaws of leg-hold traps to deliver a rapid death to trapped wild dogs.

Strychnine is supplied to landholders by the Invasive Species Unit of Biosecurity SA solely for this purpose.

STRYCHNINE MUST NOT BE USED FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF BAITS

Landholders should contact their local NRM Board for access to strychnine.

Landholders must have a current '*Licence to Possess Section 22 Poisons - Strychnine*' issued by the South Australian Department of Health under the *Controlled Substances Act 1984* and *Controlled Substances (Poisons) Regulations 1996*.

Application forms for this licence are available from, and must be signed by, an officer from the Invasive Species Unit, Biosecurity SA. Send completed forms to:

*Controlled Substances Licensing
Public Health
Department of Health
PO Box 6 Rundle Mall
ADELAIDE 5000*

Ph: 8226 7117 Fax: 8226 6681
E-mail: controlled.substances@health.sa.gov.au

APPLYING STRYCHNINE TO TRAPS

To enable safe handling of an open trap, securely wedge a block of wood between the jaws.

Tightly wind a strip of hessian or similar material (measuring 5 x 25 cm) around the free jaw (ie. not the jaw held by the tongue or notch).

Incorporate 2 level measures of strychnine using the supplied measure (equivalent to ¼ teaspoon or 0.5 grams) into the last wrap or two of the hessian/material.

Place the strychnine on the top surface of the jaw (in the closed position) so it is accessible to the wild dog. Secure the hessian with light tie-wire, cable-tie or similar.

PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE, FISH, CRUSTACEA AND ENVIRONMENT

Very toxic to mammals, birds and aquatic organisms. DO NOT contaminate dams, rivers, streams, waterways or drains with the product or used containers.

Any incidents where it is suspected that non-target animals may have been poisoned by strychnine should be reported to the Rural Chemicals Program, Department of Primary Industries and Resources South Australia on (08) 8226 0528.

STORAGE, TRANSPORT & DISPOSAL

The product must be stored in a dry, cool, well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight. It must be in a locked facility away from children, animals, food, drink, feedstuffs, seed and fertilisers at all times, except when required for use.

The product is only to be kept or stored in its original sealable labelled container as supplied by the manufacturer.

Strychnine must only be transported in an appropriately labelled container (Label Required: TOXIC; HAZCHEM: 2X (ADG7); Class: 6.1: UN No.: 1692) with sufficient packaging to ensure it is secure.

Containers that have held product are not to be used for any other purpose.

Dispose of empty rinsed containers in a local authority landfill. If no landfill is available, bury the containers below 0.5 metre in a disposal pit specifically marked as detailed above.

Triple rinse before burying and bury rinsate with empty containers. Burning of empty containers can only be done in accordance with State legislation.

SIGNAGE

Signs (generic bait and trap laid signs) must be placed conspicuously at all commonly used property boundary entrances while traps are set.

DO NOT SET TRAPS ALONG PUBLIC ROADS OR WHERE DOMESTIC DOGS ARE LIKELY TO BE PRESENT

SAFETY DIRECTIONS

Very dangerous. Poisonous if swallowed. Harmful if absorbed by skin contact.

When handling strychnine wear protective clothing, PVC gloves, safety glasses and dust mask. Wearing safety boots or solid footwear is advisable.

After use and before eating, drinking or smoking, wash hands, arms and face thoroughly with soap and water. After each days use wash gloves and contaminated clothing with soap and warm water.

FIRST AID

For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre on 131 126 or a doctor at once.

Urgent hospital treatment is likely to be needed.

If swallowed, give activated charcoal if instructed.

If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting.

If swallowed or inhaled, remove from contaminated area. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing. Do not give direct mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. To protect rescuer, use air-viva or one-way mask. Resuscitate in a well-ventilated area.

Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are available on request from Biosecurity SA.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the Invasive Species Unit, Biosecurity SA on 8303 9620 or your local Natural Resources Management Board.