

Commercial class rodenticides tamper-resistant bait stations requirements



This document summarizes the requirements related to tamper-resistant bait stations for the use of commercial rodenticides under the *Pest Control Products Act*.

Only certified pest control operators, farmers and persons authorized in government-approved pest control programs are allowed to use commercial class rodenticides products.

Read and follow the label


All pesticides registered in Canada have a Health Canada-approved label with a registration number. Read the pesticide label carefully as it contains specific information on how to use it.

Using a pesticide contrary to the label directions is a violation of the *Pest Control Products Act*.

General requirements for bait stations

All bait stations must:

- Have an internal structure that prevents the bait from being shaken loose.
- Have an access panel that closes securely and locks (e.g. using screws or a padlock).
- Bear the product name, active ingredient, guarantee, registration number, “WARNING POISON” and the skull and crossbones symbol, as in the following example:

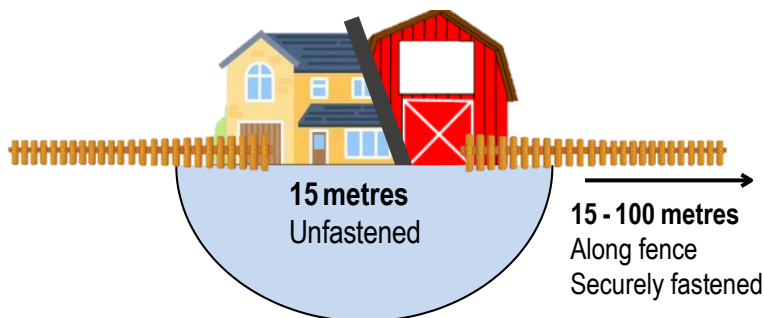
	WARNING		POISON	
	<u>Product Name</u>	<u>Active Ingredient</u>	<u>Guarantee</u>	<u>PCP#</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rodent Annihilator	Bromadiolone	0.005%	10101
<input type="checkbox"/>	Last Meal	Difethialone	0.0025%	01010

Bait stations requirements depending on the location

Locations	Bait station type	Additional requirement
Indoor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accessible to children but not accessible to pets or livestock 	Tier 3 tamper-resistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Made of high-strength material (e.g. metal or injection molded plastic) resistant to destruction by children ✓ Has an entrance designed so that children cannot reach the bait
Indoor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accessible to children and to pets or livestock 	Tier 2 tamper-resistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Same requirements as Tier 3, plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resistant to destruction by non-target animals ○ Have an entrance designed so that non-target animals cannot reach the bait
Outdoor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Placement above ground, in locations accessible to children, pets and non-target wildlife. 	Tier 1 tamper-resistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Same requirements as Tier 2, plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resistant to destruction or weakening by elements of bad weather (such as snow, rain, extremes of temperature and humidity and direct sunshine)

Requirements around structures

- All outdoor, above ground (i.e. exposed to the surface) placements of bait products must be contained in tamper-resistant bait stations if bait placement is within reach of children, pets, livestock or non-target wildlife.
 - Slot floor “holes” and burrows are considered locations “below-ground level” and out-of-reach of children. In these cases, a bait station would not be necessary.
- Around structures and buildings, bait should be placed within 15 m of the structure, or within 100 m along a fence if the station is securely fastened to the fence (e.g. nailed down) or to the ground.



For more information

Re-evaluation note [REV2010-17](#), Risk mitigation measures for eight rodenticides. *The Health Canada-approved label is the official document for enforcement purposes. In the event of any discrepancy with the contents of this factsheet, the information on the label shall prevail.*

To find the most up-to-date label, use Health Canada's [Online Label Search Tool](#)

Health Canada's Pesticide Compliance Program (PCP) is responsible for enforcing the *Pest Control Products Act*. Visit: canada.ca/pesticide-compliance