# WHAT ARE MOTHBALLS?

**Mothballs** are pesticides that kill clothes moths and fabric pests. They are only for use in airtight containers. Exposure to mothballs can be harmful. It is crucial to follow all label directions.



#### MOTHBALLS ARE NOT FOR WILDLIFE!

Mothballs are meant to kill clothing insects. They do not repel animals. You may harm wildlife, pets, or people if you use them incorrectly as repellents in homes, yards, or vehicles.

### AVOID MOTHBALL EXPOSURE

Mothballs are pesticides that turn from a solid to a gas. If you smell mothballs, you are breathing in the pesticide vapor! Kids and pets might think mothballs are food or candy. Mothballs can cause serious harm if eaten. <u>Keep</u> out of reach of kids and pets.

#### ALWAYS FOLLOW LABEL DIRECTIONS

Read and follow all directions on the package. Label directions are designed to lower risk to people and the environment. Following them is also required by law. When used correctly, the fumes kill the insects inside an airtight container.



#### WHAT IF SOMEONE MISUSED MOTHBALLS?

If mothballs were misused, collect and store them in an airtight container for disposal. Ventilate the area if the smell is still present. Follow disposal instructions on the label or find your local House Hazardous Waste contact here: https://npic.orst.edu/hhwmlr.html

## WHAT IF THERE WAS A MOTHBALL EXPOSURE?

If someone has been exposed,



ate a mothball, or has symptoms, call poison control at **800-222-1222** for free emergency medical guidance.



