

Chemical Factsheet

Allethrin

(includes all allethrin stereoisomers: d-trans allethrin, bioallethrin, S-bioallethrin, d-cis/trans allethrin)

General Information

- Product Names:
 - Snake** (S.C. Johnson)
 - Konk** (AMREP) formulated with [Permethrin](#)
 - Unicorn** (Phaeton) formulated with [Permethrin](#)
 - Spira** (Zobelex)
 - House & Garden Bug Killer** (Celex) formulated with [Permethrin](#)
 - Family Mosquito** (Family Products)
 - Buzz Buster** (Multinational Resources)
- Chemical Class: Pyrethroid
- Uses: Wasps and hornets, roaches, ants, fleas, and mosquitos, approved for residential, horticultural non food plants, commercial animal premise (indoor) misting systems
- Alternatives: [Least-Toxic Insecticide](#)
- Beyond Pesticides rating: [Toxic](#)

Health and Environmental Effects

See citations at end of document.

- Cancer: Not documented
- Endocrine Disruption: Yes (1)
- Reproductive Effects: Not documented
- Neurotoxicity: Yes (2, 3, 4)
- Kidney/Liver Damage: Yes (2)
- Sensitizer/ Irritant: Yes (2)
- Birth/Developmental: Not documented
- Detected in Groundwater: Not documented
- Potential Leacher: No (5)
- Toxic to Birds: No (2)
- Toxic to Fish/Aquatic Organisms: Yes (2)
- Toxic to Bees: Yes (2)

Residential Uses as Found in the ManageSafe™ Database

- [Cockroaches](#)
- [Bed Bugs](#)
- [Mosquitoes](#)
- [Spiders](#)

Additional Information

- Regulatory Status:
 - [EPA Reregistration Eligibility Decision \(RED\) signed](#) (6/2007)
 - [EPA Amended RED](#) (05/2009)
- Supporting information:
 - [Exttoxnet Pesticide Factsheet](#) (Extension Toxicology Network)
 - [PAN Pesticides Database](#): (Pesticide Action Network)
- Studies [compiled from the [Pesticide-Induced Diseases Database](#)]
 - [Mosquito repellent \(pyrethroid-based\) induced dysfunction of blood-brain barrier permeability in developing brain.](#) Sinha, C et al. 2004. *International Journal of Developmental Neuroscience*
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2. Extension Toxicology Network (EXTOXNET) Pesticide Information Profiles. <http://extoxnet.orst.edu/pips/ghindex.html>
3. US EPA, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances, Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs), Interim REDS (iREDs) and RED Factsheets. <https://archive.epa.gov/pesticides/reregistration/web/html/status.html>.
4. Insecticide Resistance Action Committee (IRAC) eClassification of Chemical Mode of Action <http://www.irac-online.org/eClassification/>

5. National Library of Medicine. PubChem Hazardous Substances Database. [PubChem \(nih.gov\)](https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)

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