

SAPCA Vision

The Professional Association for the South African Pest Control Industry acting in the interest of our members.

SAPCA Mission

To foster professionalism, compliance and ethical conduct among our members

To liaise with government and other institutions on behalf of members and the Pest Control Industry

To establish minimum standards to protect the safety & health of the public

TIPS FOR SELECTING A PEST CONTROL SERVICE

Choose SAPCA Members For Pest Control

- » **PCO Certificate:** Ask for a valid PCO certificate with the PCO's name and P-number.
- » **SAPCA Membership:** Verify with the QR Code or visit the SAPCA website.
- » **Information Provided:** Ensure the PCO provides details on products used, precautions, areas to be treated, and pests to be treated.
- » **Licensed:** Check if the pest control operators are licensed.
- » **Warranty:** SAPCA members honour warranties.
- » **Read Reviews:** Check reviews or ask for references.

Verify your pest controller with the
SAPCA office or SAPCA website
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Fogging vs Fumigation

Fumigation and fogging are both pest control and disinfection methods but fumigation uses toxic gases to penetrate enclosed areas for deep and complete pest eradication, while fogging disperses a fine mist of liquid chemicals for surface and air disinfection, typically in open or semi-sealed spaces

Fumigation is a process that involves a method of releasing gaseous chemicals (Fumigants) in an enclosed space or commodity, in a concentration and for a period of time sufficient to kill target pests. The process is usually applied to buildings, ships, soil, grain or other stored products. The gas diffuses through the air and penetrates cracks and crevices, wood packaging materials, stored products, etc. in order to reach pests that are otherwise hard to reach, and to kill all life stages of the pest. The procedure requires the area to be hermetically sealed and appropriate warning signs must be posted to restrict entry during treatment. After the exposure period, the site is thoroughly ventilated to ensure the treated area is safe for re-entry.

Only a licensed Pest Control Operator can perform fumigation, with the correct Field of Fumigation indicated on the PCO Certificate. Always verify that the PCO license is valid.

Fogging, is a method where a liquid pesticide or disinfectant is dispersed into the air as fine mist or droplets, creating a fog that remains suspended for a period of time. The droplets contact and kill flying insects and may also settle on surfaces to provide short term control. Fogging is typically used for a rapid knockdown of mosquitos, flies and other airborne pests in enclosed or semi-enclosed spaces.

Unlike fumigation, fogging does not penetrate deeply into structures or commodities and is generally regarded as a space treatment with limited residual effect.

Appropriate warning signs must be posted to restrict entry during treatment, to alert people to avoid the treated area.

Pest Control Operators need a valid PCO Certificate to do fogging. Unlike fumigation, a PCO can perform fogging with a Structural Pest Control qualification.

