

## **Autism Risk from Pesticide Exposure**

Children exposed to pesticides during pregnancy showed a 6-fold increased rate of autism. ASD risk increased with the poundage of organochlorine pesticides applied, and decreased with distance from application field sites. This is especially critical during the early weeks of pregnancy, when the central nervous system is beginning to develop. (This is one of many studies showing neurodegenerative damage from environmental chemical exposure, in children as well as adults.)

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