



Case Type

Paraquat



General Background

Paraquat is a toxic chemical manufactured as an industrial-grade herbicide. Its effectiveness in weed and grass control make this herbicide one of the most widely used in the U.S. despite its extreme toxicity. Ingestion (swallowing), skin exposure, and inhalation are all potential ways in which a person can experience paraquat poisoning.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) classifies paraquat as "restricted use", indicating that it can only be used by those who are licensed applicators. Despite these safety measures, farmers, herbicide applicators, and other individuals who are licensed are especially at a higher risk of exposure. Paraquat is sold under many trade names, some of which include Gramoxone, Parazone, Quick-Quat, Parazone, and Para-Shot 3.0.

In addition to the general adverse health effects caused by paraquat poisoning, research suggests that paraquat exposure is also associated with the risk of developing Parkinson's Disease. Many lawsuits have been filed against the manufacturers of Gramoxone and other paraquat herbicides for failing to warn about these dangers of paraquat usage.

Paraquat & Parkinson's

Parkinson's Disease is a chronic brain disorder that affects the nervous system and is characterized by the gradual loss of muscle and bodily control. Research suggests that oxidative stress attributed to paraquat exposure can harm cellular structures, playing a role in the development of Parkinson's Disease.

Individuals with Parkinson's Disease may exhibit symptoms such as shaking, stiffness, and difficulty walking and balancing.

We Can Help

If you or a loved one may have been exposed to Paraquat and developed Parkinson's Disease, contact us to find out if you might have a legal claim against the manufacturer. There is no cost or obligation to call for a consultation and no fees unless we win your case.