

What would YOU do?

Read the following case study to see what was done incorrectly, and how changes can make the garden a safer place.

Allison woke up with a sore throat on Tuesday morning. Not feeling very well, she decided to go to work and harvest fruits and vegetables. Once arriving at the field, Allison stepped into the garden with close-toed shoes, and started picking produce. Right as she entered the field, Allison heard her pet dog, Heidi, barking for attention. Allison decided to open the gate to the field and let Heidi walk around with her as she continued to pick the produce.

By the time she got to the middle of the field, Allison was extremely thirsty due to her sore throat. Not bringing any water into the field, she glanced down at the gardening hose and took a quick drink out of it.

While she was placing the produce items in the harvesting bins, Allison was receiving a phone call on her cell phone. Excited for the concert she was attending tonight, she decided to pick up her phone and plan the rest of the night's events.

As Allison was walking out of the field with her dog, she spotted a broken glass bottle by one of the crops. Since she still had to take her produce items to post-harvest production, she walked past it with her harvesting bin.

Allison had been picking room temperature produce items. Once it was ready for storage, she put it in a pest-free, well ventilated location on the ground by the pesticides and sanitizers.

The last thing Allison did before finishing for the day was sanitize the post-harvest production facility. She made stronger concentrations than recommended on the back of the container because this will help kill more potential hazards than what was suggested on the bottle. Allison then left the sanitizers to air dry and went home to plan the rest of her evening.

1. What did Allison do wrong?

2. What can YOU do to avoid these problems?