

When in Doubt, Stay Out!

Harmful Algal Blooms In Kansas



Watch for signs

Going to the Lake?
Know how to identify
an algae bloom

Know the Signs of a Harmful Algae Bloom (HAB):

- Water has a scummy, thick mat or foamy appearance
- Water looks like it has paint spilled on it, may be red, pea-green, blue, blue-green or brownish red
- Water has sewage or petroleum smell

Health concerns for people exposed to or swallowing affected water:

- Skin irritation, irritated eyes or rash
- Diarrhea, nausea, dizziness and vomiting
- Children and people with compromised immune systems are at the greatest risk.

Animals can become very sick and even die after swimming and swallowing affected water. Don't let your pet:

- drink or swim in water
- lick their fur after being in the water, or
- eat dried algae scum on beaches.

If you or your pet becomes ill, seek medical or veterinary attention

For more information, see:

www.kdheks.gov/algae-illness/index.htm



Our Mission: To protect and improve the health and environment of all Kansans.