

Video: Why we love eating 'killer' pesticides in our food

In this PBS video as part of the "It's Okay to Be Smart" series, Joe Hanson explains that the most damaging chemicals in the environment are not manmade but generated naturally by plants themselves. Many of them can repel or kill insects and other natural predators, and some are even harmful to human—if we consume enough of them. His conclusion: the adage "the dose makes the poison," credited to Paracelsus, the Swiss Renaissance physician. The takeaway? 99 percent plus of all pesticides are natural and natural pesticides, which for the most part have not been tested, are not necessarily safer for human consumption than synthetic chemicals, which have been safety tested.

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