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**NORTH DAKOTA NOXIOUS WEED LAW  
ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES  
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**INTRODUCTION**

North Dakota law (NDCC §63-01.1-01) requires North Dakota landowners and other persons in charge or possession of land to eradicate or control the spread of noxious weeds.

Authority to carry out the noxious weed law is vested with the North Dakota Commissioner of Agriculture and county and city weed boards. This manual provides guidelines for enforcement actions by county and city weed boards.

Personal contacts, such as telephone calls and on-farm visits, are most effective in getting the "noxious weed message" to landowners and land managers in your county or city. Enforcing the state's noxious weed law is a measure of last resort in a weed control program, and should only be used when all other attempts to get a landowner or land manager to control noxious weeds have failed.

It is very important to maintain written records of every action, phone call, or conversation regarding the enforcement action. A follow-up letter should always confirm telephone conversations. The success of enforcement actions relies on the records maintained by the control authority.