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# FARM SAFETY

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Keeping our nation's farmers and agricultural workers safe is vital to strong communities and is always our top priority. Safety awareness gives farm families the information they need to reduce the hazards that occur on the farm.

By following common safety practices, farmers and agricultural workers can:

- Avoid serious and fatal accidents
- Use chemical pesticides and fertilizers safely
- Reduce income lost to agricultural accidents



## EQUIPMENT SAFETY

The unexpected startup of equipment, such as conveyors, elevator legs, and other high-speed moving equipment, can result in serious injury.

Be sure to shut off and disconnect, lockout and tag, or block off all mechanical, electrical, hydraulic, and pneumatic equipment when not in use, particularly grain-moving equipment.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Machinery and motor vehicles are the top causes of agriculture-related deaths.



## STAYING SAFE AROUND LIVESTOCK

Always remain calm and aware of your surroundings when working with livestock. Remember:

- Avoid walking directly behind animals
- Do not make loud noises or quick movements
- Be patient and gentle; do not prod animals unnecessarily
- Wash your hands and clean your shoes
- Have a planned escape route

### DID YOU KNOW?

Cattle kill approximately 20 people per year.



## GRAIN BIN SAFETY

Never enter a grain bin unless absolutely necessary. If you must enter a bin:

- Lockout all moving equipment; shut off power to augers and fans.
- Have another person, preferably two, outside the bin who can help if you become trapped.
- Check for fumigant, carbon monoxide, and hydrogen sulfide; ensure oxygen levels are ~20.9%.
- Break up crusted grain from the outside of the bin with a long pole.
- Protect all floor openings.
- Wear a harness attached to a properly secured rope.
- Stay near the outer wall of the bin.
- Never "walk down" grain.
- Stay clear of waist deep grain.
- Should grain start to flow, keep walking and move quickly to the bin ladder or safety rope.

### DID YOU KNOW?

An adult can become trapped in flowing grain within four seconds, and fully engulfed within 20 seconds.

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)



### SAFETY GLASSES

Protects against damage to eyes caused by impact, heat, chemicals, and dust, particularly when welding or cutting.



### HEARING PROTECTION

Protects against loud noises which may cause hearing loss.

### DID YOU KNOW?

A person without hearing protection may be safely exposed to the sound of a running tractor, combine, or grain dryer for only four minutes.



### RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

Protects against irritation and damage when working in dusty environments or using chemicals.



### HARDHATS

Protects against overhead hazards or falling objects.



### HANDS

Protects against cuts, burns, and other injuries in a wide variety of situations.

### DID YOU KNOW?

One million workers are treated in an ER for hand injuries each year; 70% of them were not wearing gloves when injured.

**INSPECT YOUR PPE FOR DAMAGE BEFORE EACH USE!**