



A to Z of FARM SAFETY



A

Always consider SAFETY on the farm.

B

BULLS: Beware of aggressive animals on your farm. Be sure to cull cross bulls, cows, rams, stags from your farm.

C

CHILDREN: Always supervise children on the farm, especially during machinery operations.

D

DRAWBARS: Never let anyone ride on the drawbar of your tractor or any other machinery. Do not allow anyone ride in an open trailer.

E

ELECTRICITY can kill. Beware of overhead power lines and buried cables.

F

FORESTRY and tree felling: Take care not to be caught under falling trees and logs. Attend a chainsaw and tree felling course.

G

GAS: Slurry gases can kill. Remove all stock from slatted sheds before agitating. Never enter a shed when slurry is being agitated. Close agitation point after each use.

H

HORSES: Some horses can be dangerous. Always wear safety equipment e.g. helmet when handling or riding horses. Be wary of being kicked by horses.

I

INSPECT: Check safety equipment on your farm regularly, e.g. machinery safety covers, PTO guards, fire extinguishers and First Aid kits.

J

JAWS: Keep away from blades of shear grabs, mowers, revolving knives and chainsaws.

K

KEEP CLEAR of machinery such as tractors, HiMacs, bulldozers when they are working. Stay in their line of vision and wear a high visibility jacket or vest.

L

LIVESTOCK: Be wary of being kicked or crushed while working in pens, yards or fields with livestock.

M

MACHINERY: Ensure safety covers and PTO guards are in place and working on all farm machinery. Avoid wearing loose clothing near machinery.

N

NEVER start a tractor when you are standing on the ground alongside it.

O

OVERTURN: Remember tractors have a high centre of gravity and can overturn easily. Drive slowly over uneven ground.

P

PESTICIDES and other toxic chemicals: Keep them out of the reach of children. Read the label and follow the manufacturer's advice on proper use, storage and disposal.

Q

QUAD bikes: Always wear a safety helmet when using a quad bike. Avoid letting children on them. Drive slowly over rough ground.

R

ROOFS: Use a roofing ladder when working on farm sheds. Stay clear of skylights.

S

SAFETY: Complete and update your Risk Assessment Document. This can be completed online at www.farmsafely.com. Take action on risks highlighted.

T

TRAINING: Attend a Farm Safety training course NOW at your local Teagasc centre.

U

UNTIDY: Poorly maintained farmyards/farm can lead to accidents. Keep your farmyard/farm neat, tidy and well maintained.

V

VISION: Your eyesight is vital – protect it. Wear safety goggles where your eyes are in danger.

W

WARNING SIGNS should be erected to warn the public of dangers or hazards such as "Tractors Crossing", "Beware of Bull".

X

XTRA: Be extra careful when there are children or elderly people on the family farm. Restrict access to dangerous ponds, tanks, unstable heights etc.

Y

YOU and YOUR FAMILY: Take every precaution to remain safe and healthy. Assess every farm task carefully for potential dangers or risks. Organise and complete tasks with safety in mind.

Z

ZOONOTIC DISEASES and infections which can be transmitted from animals to humans. E.g. TB, Toxoplasmosis, Weil's Disease, E.Coli ... Wear gloves when handling livestock. Always wash your hands after being in contact with animals.