

Staying Safe on the Farm

As a child you are used to living, playing and growing up on your farm. It is your home, somewhere with lots of happy memories with your family and friends. However, a farm is also a very busy work place where children are at high risk of being badly hurt, perhaps left with injuries for life. For this reason all accidents are sad. Tragically, every year children also die from accidents on the farm.

Importantly, by learning how to keep away from the dangers and finding a safe place to play many of these accidents can be avoided. Remember, you deserve special attention because children often know little about farm safety.

Here are some of the dangers to look out for.



Chemicals used on the farm can be poisonous, not only by swallowing, but also if they come into contact with your skin or if you breathe in the fumes. Stay away from buildings that contain chemicals and don't touch chemical containers on the farm, even if they are empty

Animals can carry diseases that are harmful to people so it is important to always wash your hands after any contact with them on the farm. Large animals such as bulls and rams can be dangerous as they can kick or crush you, but female livestock can be just as dangerous, especially if they have young with them



Slurry pits give off toxic gases that can be very dangerous if breathed in. Slurry pits can also be very deep and you are likely to drown if you fall in



Farm traffic moving around the farm, such as tractors, can be dangerous, especially at corners where the driver might not be able to see you. Riding on farm equipment may look like fun, but is in fact very hazardous!

Did you know that the law says children under the age of 13 must not operate farm machinery or ride on tractors or quad bikes? This is to keep you safe. Also, for the same reasons if you are under the age of 13 you should not ride on a trailer unless there is proper protection around the edges to stop you falling off.



Machinery can be very dangerous, even if it is not in use. A lot of farm machinery has sharp metal parts and it can also be very heavy and would crush you if it fell on to you. Machinery that has recently been used can also be very hot and you could get burnt if you touch it

Equipment such as farm gates, tyres and bales can cause a crushing hazard if they topple on to you.



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Fill in the blanks- the missing words will be concealed in the word search

Animals can carry _____ that are harmful to people

Chemicals can be poisonous if you breathe in the _____, swallow them or spill them on your skin

Machinery can have _____ metal parts

Slurry pits give off toxic _____ that can be dangerous if breathed in

Farm gates can cause a _____ hazard if they topple over

Farm traffic such as _____ can be dangerous

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Can you find...?
crushing, diseases, fumes, gases, sharp, tractors



REMEMBER

Stay Safe On The Farm



There are things that you can do to make your self safe such as:

- Ask your parents to explain the dangers and where there is a safe area to play.
- Wear bright clothing so that you can be seen.
- Look out for moving vehicles.
- Do not play with any vehicles, equipment and livestock.

This information is provided with the aim of raising your understanding of how to keep you and your friends safe on the farm. For further reading please ask your parents, guardian or teacher to look with you at details provided on the Health and Safety Executive, (HSE), web site for wide range of information and advice:

www.hse.gov.uk/campaigns/farmsafe

Specifically the HSE leaflet called: Be responsible; Keep Children Safe on the Farm.

www.hse.gov.uk/agriculture/pdf/childsafetyae.pdf



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