



Farm safety

A large number of preventable accidents occur on farms each year. Help keep your family and workers safe by following these simple steps and ensuring safe work practices.



For all medical emergencies dial Triple Zero (000) immediately and ask for Ambulance

SAFE WORK PRACTICES

It is important to maintain safe work practices on the farm especially when it is also the family home and children's play area.

High-risk situations include:

- > Tractors
- > Noisy machines that interfere with hearing levels
- > Horse and motorbike riding
- > Chemical use.

GENERAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Common sense and simple precautions can prevent accidents. Observe the following advice for your safety and the safety of your workers and family:

- > When driving a tractor never let other people, especially children, stand on the side.
- > Always attempt to drive on level land.
- > Prior to reversing, walk around your vehicle to check for obstacles or children.
- > When towing tall equipment look up for power lines.

- > Approved rollover protective structures add to safety.
- > Animals can be unpredictable and farmers can be injured by their livestock.
- > Know where your children are at all times, ensure hazardous areas are child-proofed and educate children about farm safety.
- > Ensure there is adequate ventilation when operating petrol and diesel machinery.

WEAR APPROPRIATE PROTECTION

- > Ear protection is a must when using noisy machinery to prevent permanent hearing loss.
- > When working close to moving machinery parts and rotating implements, avoid loose fitting clothes and keep long hair tied back.
- > Ensure safeguards for moving parts are in place
- > Helmets are invaluable in reducing the risk of serious head injury in horse and motorbike riding accidents.

STORAGE OF CHEMICALS

- > Correct labelling of all chemical bottles and proper storage in accordance with manufacturer's instructions will reduce the risk of accidental poisoning.
- > Never put poisons in cordial or other drink bottles.

The Poisons Information Centre can provide invaluable information. If you think any poisons have been ingested phone the Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26.

FIRST AID COURSES

The Ambulance Service of New South Wales encourages everyone to learn first aid. This can give you the confidence to assist when someone is injured or ill. To enrol in a first aid course contact an accredited provider listed with the Workcover Authority.

For further information please contact: