

FARM SAFETY TIPS

Now that spring is here, farm families are busy. As we all know agriculture sites typically pose a large exposure to injury and illness due to the many hazardous conditions and overall nature of agriculture work. We usually think about how we can keep our employees safe, but we must remember family members can be injured as well. Always be careful on the farm and teach your children and family members what to do if they come upon an injured family member or farm worker.

- Adopt a “No Rider” Policy on your tractors and other farm equipment
- Ensure that equipment is maintained properly and all shields and guards are replaced after maintenance
- Give children task only appropriate for their age and ability
- Have a first-aid kit available in equipment and instruct other on the use of the kit
- Maintain a safe play area for children so they are not in the work areas and around equipment
- Tractors should be equipped with a ROPS and the seatbelt used to protect the driver
- Never by pass start a tractor
- ATV drivers should wear a helmet. Do not allow passengers on ATV
- Large animal are very protective of their young. Children should stay out of their territory
- Lock up all hazardous chemicals to assure they are out of reach of children