



**MAKE SAFE HAPPEN®**

# FARM ANIMAL SAFETY

## TREAT ANIMALS RIGHT:

- Show children the right way to behave around animals: move slow, be calm, approach them from the front.
- Remind kids that animals can be unpredictable. Even the sweetest ones can kick, bite and scratch if they're sick or hurt.
- Teach kids to stay away from baby animals (a mother protecting her young can become defensive), as well as adult males and wild animals (both tend to be naturally more aggressive).

## WEAR THE RIGHT GEAR:

- To reduce the risk of head injury, kids should wear a helmet when riding horses. Boots with a small heel can also help keep their feet in the stirrups as they ride.
- Children should wear jeans and long sleeves when interacting with animals, as they offer a layer of protection from sharp beaks, claws and toenails. And to protect feet, wear closed-toe shoes.
- Make sure children wash their hands with soap and water (or hand sanitizer) after they interact with animals, to reduce the spread of bacteria and viruses.

## WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY:

- Know the best escape route whenever you're working around animals, so you can easily get out of harm's way.
- Show children how to protect themselves if an animal attacks. They should drop to the ground, roll into a ball, and cover their heads and faces with their arms.
- If an animal bites your child, wash the area with soap and water and apply pressure. If it's bleeding, contact your doctor to check for infection and diseases.
- It's important not to approach an angry animal unless someone is in immediate danger. Call 911 immediately.
- Make sure that you have access to a phone and clear directions to your location in your home, in the barn, and other facilities to help save time in an emergency.

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Developed in partnership with the safety experts at Nationwide Children's Hospital, the app helps you make your home safer. Get room-by-room safety checklists, link to recommended products, and set reminders.



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