



# FARM SAFETY

## FARM AND ROAD SAFETY:

- Lock, remove and store the keys out of kids' reach, once you've finished with a vehicle or machinery.
- Teach kids to stay off and out of the way of equipment.
- The bed of a pickup truck is not a safe place to ride, even for a short ride. It is also not safe for kids to be passengers or extra riders on tractors, lawn mowers, ATVs, mopeds, and other farm vehicles.
- Make sure that your child is in a child safety seat, booster seat or seatbelt when riding in a car or truck, on the farm or out on the road.
- Supervise older kids as they learn to use power tools and equipment. Make sure they wear the right safety gloves, goggles, and a seatbelt.

## WATCH OUT FOR WATER:

- Pools, ponds or any other bodies of water can be drowning hazards.
- Install a fence that is at least 4 feet high and has self-latching gates to keep kids out of the area when adults are not around to supervise.
- Remind kids to swim only when there's an adult watching them—even if they know how to swim.
- Keep an eye out for other water hazards (like water troughs or buckets). Kids can drown in less than an inch of water.
- Keep life buoys, nylon rope and a rescue pole near water sources, and make sure that you know CPR.

## AVOID DANGEROUS FALLS:

- Make sure that all ladders in barns, silos, haylofts and other areas are locked up or put away so they're out of the reach of children.
- Cover the ground under play equipment with at least 12 inches of safety surfacing, such as mulch, wood chips or sand, for a softer surface.
- Keep tree houses on the lower branches—no more than 10 feet off the ground. Make sure to have solid walls (not guardrails) that are at least 38 inches high.

## PREVENTING BURNS AND SHOCK:

- Put grills, fire pits and other sources of open flames at least 10 feet from your house, barn or bushes.
- Don't let kids play within 3 feet of a fire, and teach them not to play with matches.
- Install smoke alarms in barns and garages. Test them monthly and change batteries yearly. Keep a fire extinguisher in each building.
- Lock up electrical boxes and make sure kids can't access any parts of the electrical system. Keep water hoses and troughs away to avoid shocks.
- Inspect your electrical system regularly for damage caused by animals, humidity, dust or simple wear and tear. Such damage could cause electrocution or fires.

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## OTHER FARM HAZARDS:

- Keep all grain storage areas locked up. Stored grain is very dangerous—a deadly flow can start, trapping and suffocating a person in the shifting grain in seconds.
- Farm animals can kick, scratch or bite and cause serious injuries. Make sure your child understands how to interact with them.
- Keep all chemicals locked away from curious kids and remind them not to eat anything they find without checking with you first.
- Keep children away from manure pits. Not only are they a drowning risk, but when manure decomposes, it gives off harmful gases.

## WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY:

- 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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