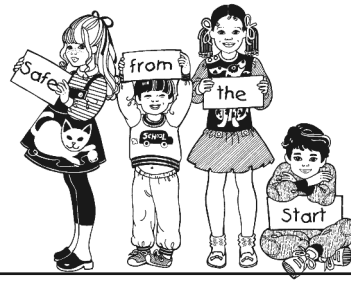




- Be aware of areas where water may collect with spring melting or following rain (ditches, animal feed areas, etc.)
- Install barriers around open bodies of water.
- Install smoke alarms in your home and ensure that heating equipment works properly.
- Locate power lines and plan activities away from them.
- When moving large equipment, bring them to their lowest level to pass safely under power lines.
- All adults and teens on farms should learn first aid and CPR and know how to get help in case of an emergency.
- Never remove safety features from machinery (guards, shields).



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Preventing injuries:  
at home,  
at school,  
at play,  
and on the way.

## Farm Safety

## We Believe

Every kid has the right to grow up safe, healthy and free from injury.



## Farm Safety

Nearly 1 million children 14 and under live on farms and ranches in the US. Children living in rural areas are at significantly greater risk of unintentional injury-related death, especially from:

- Agricultural injury
- Motor vehicle crashes
- Drowning
- Residential fires
- Alternative modes of transportation

Many children are exposed to hazards simply by living in the farm environment because of:

- Difficulty in providing constant supervision.
- Children performing work-related tasks inappropriate for their ages.

## The Facts Are In

- Each year, approximately 70 children, ages 14 and under die from farm injuries.
- An estimated 150,000 children suffer a preventable injury associated with production agriculture.
- Drowning rates are three times higher in rural areas and fire death rates are double the rates in larger cities and triple the rates in small towns.
- Kids ages 10-12 are at highest risk for injury, often because they take on a job or task that they are not able to handle yet.

## Did You Know?

### Farm-related Injuries

The primary causes of injury on farms include:

- Farm machinery
- Livestock
- Drowning
- Transportation vehicles
- Fires
- Building structures
- Falls
- Age inappropriate tasks

### Transportation-related Injuries

- More than 60% of motor vehicle related fatalities occur in rural areas.
- ATV related deaths occur to children who ride them as they don't have the physical strength to handle these large vehicles and ATVs are not equipped with safety gear such as seat belts, roll over bars, etc.
- Snowmobile-related injuries to children occur most frequently while being towed or when the sled or tube overturns, strikes a fixed object or is hit by another vehicle.

### Home Fire-related Injuries

Common causes of home fires include use of:

- Wood stoves
- Space heaters
- Cooking equipment

Deaths occur due to:

- Cooking equipment
- Appliances
- Electrical fires

## Rural Drowning

Over half of rural drownings occur in fresh water including:

- Irrigation canals
- Ponds
- Rivers
- Lakes



## Steps To Safety

- Do not allow children to perform inappropriate farm tasks.
- Use safety seats and belts correctly and do not allow anyone to ride in truck beds.
- Never allow children under 16 to operate machinery, ATVs, snowmobiles, or large lawn tractors.
- Always supervise young horseback riders.
- Never tie yourself to the horse.
- Wear an equestrian helmet when riding horses.
- Do not allow passengers on tractors, riding lawn mowers or other motorized vehicles.
- Teach children never to go into a farm pond without adult supervision.
- Teach children to never climb into trucks or bins loaded with grain.