

Farm Manager: What You Should Know about Farm Safety

What risks are involved when a hired worker or family member does a potentially hazardous job on your farm? Farm accidents mean medical costs, down time, damaged equipment, crop losses, and compensation of the injured worker.

Could you bear the accident costs if a worker were seriously injured on your farm? You can never be sure of your risks, but there are different levels of risks. Risks are fewer if your farm machinery or workplace is well guarded from hazards and if workers are trained or experienced in the safety aspects of their jobs.

Here are some ways to reduce risks and provide a safe workplace for those working on your farm.

Steps to a Basic Safety Plan

- List the work operations on your farm. Include tractor driving, welding, and so forth.
- Using operator's manuals, safety literature, and your experience, compile the safety precautions and rules for each job.
- Train each worker in these areas and, before they begin a job, review the precautions with them. Attend safety training programs when they are offered.
- Contact your local Extension office for information on safety issues that pertain to your farm. Insurance companies and farm supply dealers also have farm safety information.



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