



A to Z

of FARM SAFETY



A	ALWAYS consider SAFETY on the farm.	N	NEVER start a tractor when you are standing on the ground alongside it.
B	BULLS: Beware of aggressive animals on your farm. Cull cross bulls, cows and rams before it is too late!	O	OVERTURN: Remember to stay in the cab in the event of an overturn. Know your tractor - Know your ground.
C	CHILDREN: Always supervise children on the farm, especially when machinery operations are taking place. Children under 13 are not permitted to ride on tractors or farm machinery.	P	PESTICIDES and other toxic chemicals: Keep them out of the reach of children. Read the label and follow the manufacturer's advice on proper use, storage and disposal.
D	DRAWBARS: Never let anyone ride on the drawbar of your tractor or any other machinery. Do not allow anyone ride in an open trailer.	Q	QUAD bikes should only be used by trained personnel. Always wear a safety helmet.
E	ELECTRICITY can kill. Beware of overhead power lines and underground cables. Have your electrical installation and equipment checked regularly.	R	ROOFS: Roof work on farms should be avoided. It's a job for the professional with the proper equipment and expertise.
F	FORESTRY and tree felling. Stay clear of tree felling operations. Attend a chain saw course and wear the appropriate safety clothing.	S	SUPERVISION of new and vulnerable people (workers or younger family members) is essential due to their lack of experience.
G	GAS: Slurry gases can kill. Remove all stock from slatted sheds before agitating. Never enter a shed when slurry is being agitated. Close agitation point after each use.	T	TRAINING is essential for young and vulnerable workers on your farm.
H	HORSES: Some horses can be dangerous. Always wear safety equipment e.g. helmet when handling or riding horses. Be wary of being kicked by horses.	U	UNTIDY: Poorly maintained farmyards can lead to accidents. Keep your farm free from slip and trip hazards.
I	INSPECT: Check safety equipment on your farm regularly, e.g. machinery safety covers, PTO guards, fire extinguishers and First Aid kits.	V	VISION: Your eyesight is vital - protect it by wearing safety glasses or goggles when using angle grinders and similar equipment.
J	JAWS: The jaws of shear grabs should be parked closed when not in use. Park machinery safely.		WARNING SIGNS should be erected to warn the public of dangers or hazards such as "Tractors Crossing", "Beware of Bull".
K	KEEP CLEAR of machinery such as tractors and telehandlers around the farmyard. Wear high visibility clothing.	X	XTRA: Be extra careful when there are children or elderly people on the family farm. Restrict access to dangerous ponds, tanks, unstable heights etc.
L	LIVESTOCK: Make sure you have proper livestock handling facilities. Have an escape route planned when inspecting stock in an open field.	Y	YOU and YOUR FAMILY: Take every precaution to remain safe and healthy. Assess every farm task carefully for potential dangers or risks. Organise and complete tasks with safety in mind.
M	MACHINERY: Ensure safety covers and PTO guards are kept in place on all farm machinery. Avoid wearing loose clothing near machinery-a boiler suit is ideal.	Z	ZOONOTIC DISEASES and infections which can be transmitted from animals to humans. E.g. TB, Toxoplasmosis, Weil's Disease, E.Coli ...Wear gloves when handling livestock. Always wash your hands after being in contact with animals.