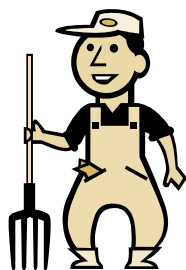


WHY SHOULD I BE CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY?



An important part of managing your farm is to ensure the health and safety of yourself, your family, your employees, and other people such as customers, visitors or

truck drivers who visit your workplace.

In order to provide a safe workplace you need to be aware of what can cause harm and then take action to ensure no one is at risk while they are in your workplace.

The following checklist is designed to help you identify those aspects of your operation that can be hazardous. Once you know what your hazards are you can:

- Eliminate the hazard
- Buy products and machinery that can accomplish the same task but are less dangerous
- Install safeguards or mechanical ventilation in areas that are very dusty or contain toxic gases
- Modify work practices (behavior) so that you and your workers can avoid the hazard

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Emergency numbers listed by the phone
- Directions to your farm posted by the phone
- At least one person is trained in first aid and CPR
- First aid kits are kept in each building and vehicle
- Name of primary care doctor and phone number are posted where employees can see them
- Designate safe places to go in the event of a tornado, flood, lightning, storm, etc.

FAMILY

- Children have designated “safe” play areas (http://marshfieldclinic.org/nfmc/pages/default.aspx?page=nfmc_nccrahs_safe_play_welcome)
- Children perform only those chores that they are physically and mentally capable of (See North American Guidelines for Children’s Agricultural Tasks, NAGCAT— <http://www.nagcat.org>)
- Firearms and ammunition stored in a locked and safe place and out of reach of children

HOUSEKEEPING

- Adequate lighting is provided
- Floors are free of clutter
- Counters and workbenches are free of clutter and debris
- Stacked materials are stable
- Storage shelves are rated for weight of load and secured to floor and wall
- Loads over 50 lbs. are moved with mechanical assistance or a second person

ANIMALS

- Veterinary medications in original container and

used only by designated workers

- Veterinary medicines stored in lockable cabinets
- Handlers are informed on zoonotic diseases and their transmission
- Handlers are well versed on animal behavior and how people should act around animals (<http://grandin.com/>)
- Special care is taken when near animals with newborns
- Steel toed boots with non-slip soles are worn in animal handling areas
- All components of fences and gates are capable of holding animals weight
- Hinges and latches on gates are checked routinely

CROP AND FEED STORAGE AREAS

- Entrances to grain, feed or silage storage areas locked to keep children out
- Appropriate respirators worn when working with dusty or moldy grain or feed, or cleaning inside a bin
- Each grain/feed bin and storage area clearly labeled to warn of the hazards of flowing grain/feed and the potential for entrapment

CONFINED SPACES

- Each person knows what a confined space is and the danger of entering one (<http://www.cdc.gov/nasd/docs/d000801-d000900/d000836/d000836.pdf>)
- Confined spaces are clearly marked
- A confined space entry procedure has been established and is followed

CONGRATULATIONS!

By completing this checklist and putting in place the necessary changes, you have made your farm a safer place.

Please contact one of Colorado State University's Safety and Health Consultants if you would like assistance with identifying hazards and finding practical solutions.



This checklist is not all-inclusive. You may have unique aspects to your operations that were not address here. Take some time to consider the behaviors and equipment that could cause an accident. Ask yourself what could I do to be safer. After all, protecting your health and safety will ultimately protect your family and your business.



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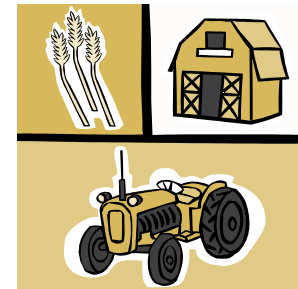
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- Housekeeping
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