



On the Farm

A large number of preventable accidents occur on farms each year. Help keep your family and workers safe by following these simple steps and ensuring safe work practices.



For all medical emergencies dial 000 immediately and ask for Ambulance

SAFE WORK PRACTICES

It is important to maintain safe work practices on the farm especially when it is also the family home and children's play area.

High-risk situations include:

- > Tractors
- > Noisy machines that interfere with hearing levels
- > Horse and motorbike riding
- > Chemical use.

GENERAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Common sense and simple precautions can prevent accidents before they happen. Observe the following advice for your safety and the safety of your workers and family:

- > When driving a tractor never let other people, especially children, stand on the side.
- > Always attempt to drive on level land.

- > When towing tall equipment look up for power lines.
- > Approved rollover protective structures add to safety.
- > Animals can be unpredictable and farmers can be injured by their livestock.
- > Know where your children are, have childproof hazardous areas and educate children about farm safety.

WEAR APPROPRIATE PROTECTION

Ear protection is a must when using noisy machinery to prevent permanent hearing loss. When working close to moving machinery parts and rotating implements, avoid loose fitting clothes and keep long hair tied back.

Helmets are invaluable in reducing the risk of serious head injury in horse and motorbike riding accidents.

STORAGE OF CHEMICALS

Correct labelling of all chemical bottles and proper storage in accordance with manufacturer's instructions will reduce the risk of accidental poisoning. The Poisons Information Centre can provide invaluable information. If you think any poisons have been ingested phone the Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26.

FIRST AID COURSES

The Ambulance Service of New South Wales encourages everyone to learn first aid. This can give you the confidence to assist when someone is injured or ill. To enrol in a first aid course contact an accredited provider listed with the Workcover Authority.