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UMASH launches Farm Safety Partner Campaign: September 1-30, 2018

The Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center (UMASH) is launching a Farm Safety Partner Campaign to encourage everyone connected to agriculture to share farm safety reminders and resources during the month of September to promote safe work practices going into harvest season. The UMASH Farm Safety Partner Campaign started September 1st and runs through the end of September and builds on the 2018 theme for National Farm Safety and Health Week, “*Cultivating the Seeds of Safety*”.

“As harvest season approaches, every one of us can be a voice for safety by sharing reminders about safe work practices, taking breaks to avoid fatigue, looking out for one another, and avoiding shortcuts that can lead to injuries,” said Bruce Alexander, UMASH director.

Agribusiness, professional farm organizations, extension, 4H, FFA, school groups, or others who share safety reminders and resources during the campaign are invited to submit their activities via an on-line form on the UMASH website. Participants will be listed as a Farm Safety Partner on the UMASH website and receive a Farm Safety Partner Certificate.

How will you promote farm safety? Post messages on Facebook. Show a video to your class. Share reminders in a company newsletter? Have a safety talk on the farm?



Help us get the word out by sharing the [Farm Safety Partner campaign flier](#) through email, newsletters, websites, and social media channels using hashtags: **#FSPartner #NFSHW**

More information about how to participate can be found at: umash.umn.edu/farm-safety-partner.

National Farm Safety and Health Week (September 16-22) is hosted by the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS) at Northeast Iowa Community College. For more information, go to: necasag.org

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For more information or to request an interview with one of the UMASH directors, contact Diane Kampa, Outreach Director, dkampa@umn.edu or 612-626-4826

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