



FARM SAFETY CHECK



National Children's Center
for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety

COVID-19 FRIENDLY

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE CHECKLIST

While there are many benefits to growing up on a farm, it is well known that farms are inherently dangerous. Keeping children safe is a priority, because we want them to grow up happy and healthy. This checklist can be used to perform safety checks on your farm, enhancing the safety of children who live, work and visit your farm.

Adapted with permission from the [NCCRAHS Child/Youth Agricultural Safety Checklist](#)

Non-working Children			
Checklist Item	Yes	No	Corrected / Notes
Are young children kept out of the work site while parents work?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do adults know to never take young children on machinery (tractors, skid steers, ATVs, etc.)? This includes not giving them rides in buckets, instructional seats or on laps? This means NO EXTRA RIDERS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are keys removed from all equipment when not in use, hydraulics disengaged/de-energized, and all equipment stored in lowest position?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is all equipment, especially those with sharp edges (plows, hay mowers, etc.), stored in areas not accessible to young children?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are children kept away from grain wagons, grain bins, silos, manure pits and other confined spaces or flowing grain hazards?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are all chemicals, pesticides and hazardous substances stored in locked storage areas not accessible to children?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are large objects that could fall and harm children stored safely and put in areas not accessible to young children (e.g. tires or gates not left leaning against walls)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are drowning hazards addressed (fences around ponds/manure pits, wells covered, ditches filled in, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do young children have a designated safe play area, separated from the farm worksite by a barrier (e.g. fence)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does an adult/older youth supervise young, non-working children?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Name of person completing safety check: _____ Date completed: ____/____/____

SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



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Additional Hazards	Yes	Needs Correction	Date Corrected or Notes
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Youth Grain Handling Safety

Marshfield Clinic Research Institute

<http://www.marshfieldresearch.org/nccrahs/grainsafety>

Safe Play

Marshfield Clinic Research Institute

<http://www.marshfieldresearch.org/nccrahs/safe-play>

Who's at Risk on the Farm? School Aged Children

Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health

<https://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/cscash/outreach/school-aged-children.pdf>

Livestock Safety for Kids

U.S. Agricultural Safety and Health Centers

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLY7XQBihZRNufhTlaxN5Xp8rkAstO_OkQ

Working with Youth

Cultivate Safety

<https://www.cultivatesafety.org/safety-guidelines-search/?category=familyyouth/>

The facts and information provided are suggestions for your safety, but are in no way a comprehensive and exhaustive list of all actions needed to ensure your safety, and are not an endorsement of any products mentioned.

For additional Farm Safety Check topics and resources, visit: <http://umash.umn.edu/umash-farm-safety-check/>

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