



FARM SAFETY CHECK



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?			
Do adults know to never take young children on machinery (tractors, skid steers, ATVs, etc.), including not giving them rides in buckets, instructional seats or on laps. This means NO EXTRA RIDERS.			
Are keys removed from all equipment when not in use, hydraulics disengaged/de-energized, and all equipment stored in lowest position?			
Is all equipment, especially those with sharp edges (plows, hay mowers, etc.), stored in areas not accessible to young children?			
Are children kept away from grain wagons, grain bins, silos, manure pits and other confined spaces or flowing grain hazards?			
Are all chemicals, pesticides and hazardous substances stored in locked storage areas not accessible to children?			
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)?			
Are drowning hazards addressed (fences around ponds/manure pits, wells covered, ditches filled in, etc.)?			
Do young children have a designated safe play area, separated from the farm worksite by a barrier (e.g. fence)?			
Does an adult/older youth supervise young, non-working children?			

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

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Additional Hazards	Yes	Needs Correction	Date Corrected or Notes
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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/>

You and/or your employee(s) can use this form to complete safety checks on your farm. Keep the completed forms for follow-up, future reference and inspections. Use the form below to list additional safety checks you think are important when inspecting your farm. Additional copies of this form can be downloaded at: <http://umash.umn.edu/umash-farm-safety-check/>

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 insure your safety, and are not an endorsement of any products mentioned.

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