



FARM SAFETY CHECK

Farm Buildings and Shops

Each farm operation is unique in their farm buildings and shops. These structures are crucial to farm operation, but they may be risky places, especially for slips, trips, and falls. For example, from 2021 to 2022, nearly 30% of all farm injuries that needed time off to heal were caused by falls. The checklist below lists some of the most common safety hazards to routinely check for along with new equipment and practices to keep your employees and families safe.

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

Potential Hazard OR Checklist Items	Yes	Needs Correction	Date Corrected or Notes
Are walkways and work areas kept clear of trash, tools, loose hay, cords, and water lines to prevent trips and slips?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are wood floors free of rotten or broken boards, splinters, nails, and other flaws creating uneven walking surfaces?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are concrete floors free from badly broken sections, raised areas, slippery spots, or other defects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are walkways and work areas well-lit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are wet surfaces quickly dried or have slip resistant mats?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are footwear appropriate, like steel-toed and slip resistant?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are stairs, ramps, and loading docks kept in good shape with handrails? Consider applying traction tape on stairs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are all workers trained to use 3 points of contact when climbing ladders and equipment? This includes maintaining contact with either 2 hands and 1 foot, or 2 feet and 1 hand.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are ladders sturdy and in good shape with no loose or missing parts? Get rid of any damaged ladders immediately.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are low ceilings, doors, and beams marked with visible warning signs or tape that can be seen by employees with visible impairments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are buildings and equipment adapted to all regardless of their age, size, or ability or disability? Consider installing extra lighting, warning signs, slip resistant matting, and grips on ladders.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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



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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[Farm Hazard Inspection Checklist](#)

University of Wisconsin-Extension

<https://learningstore.uwex.edu/Farm-Hazard-Inspection-Checklist-P71.aspx>

[Storage Building Safety](#)

University of Maine Cooperative Extension

<http://nasdonline.org/1114/d000908/storage-building-safety.html>

[NIOSH Ladder Safety](#)

CDC-NIOSH

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/falls/ladder/>

[Slips, Trips, and Falls](#)

AgriSafe Network

<https://www.agrisafe.org/healthcare/slips-trips-and-falls/>

[How to Avoid Falls on the Farm \(9 Safety Precautions\)](#)

Farm Bureau Financial Services

[https://www.fbfs.com/learning-center/how-to-avoid-falls-on-the-farm-\(9-safety-precautions\)](https://www.fbfs.com/learning-center/how-to-avoid-falls-on-the-farm-(9-safety-precautions))

The facts and information provided are suggestions for your safety. This is not a comprehensive or exhaustive list of all actions needed to ensure your safety, and this list is not an endorsement of any products mentioned.