FARM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SAFETY CHECKLIST

Is your farm ready in the event of an emergency, such as a natural disaster, work related injury, or infectious disease outbreak? A little time planning up front can help you respond quickly and effectively when needed. Also, be sure to have a training program for new employees, and go over your plan annually. A little time can save a life! Be proactive and review your emergency preparedness plan today.

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

Potential Hazard	Yes	Needs Correction	Date Corrected or Notes
Are emergency numbers, including name and address of the nearest medical facility, posted where everyone can see them?	☐	☐	
Are the directions to your farm posted by the phone or in a central location?	☐	☐	
Is there at least one person trained in First Aid and CPR? Does this person speak the same language as your workers? Do all employees know who this is?	☐	☐	
Are there designated safe places to go during a flood, tornado, thunderstorm, or fire?	☐	☐	
Do all workers have a way to contact other workers in other areas of the farm site if there is an emergency? (charged cell phones, two-way radios)	☐	☐	
Are the fire extinguishers easy to retrieve? Have they been checked recently to ensure they are full and up-to-date?	☐	☐	
Are all exits clear of obstacles and clearly marked?	☐	☐	
Do you have a training program for all new employees?	☐	☐	
Do you go over your training program with all family members and employees yearly?	☐	☐	

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

SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Emergency Preparation and Planning
National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety (NCCRAHS)
https://safeagritourism.org/resources/#emergency-preparation-planning

Emergency Preparedness Pages
Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD)
https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-1566_22384---,00.html

Emergency Preparedness for Farmworkers
Agricultural Safety Fact Sheet (OSHA)
https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3870.pdf

Preplanning for Farm Emergencies
University of Maine Extension
https://extension.umaine.edu/publications/2360e/

Emergency Preparedness and Response Resources
The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/emergency.html

Farm Emergency Preparedness Planning
The Center for Food Security and Public Health
http://www.prep4agthreats.org/All-Hazard-Preparedness/farm-emergency-preparedness-plan

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.

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