



# FARM SAFETY CHECK

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## SKID STEER SAFETY CHECKLIST

Skid steers are a common and critical piece of equipment on the farm. With moving buckets, blind spots, and varying centers of balance, these machines can be dangerous to operators and bystanders despite the productivity benefits. While they pose hazards like pinch points, runovers, and entrapment, safe operation is possible.

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
Is a seatbelt and restraint bar used at all times during operation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the machine inspected before use, ensuring handholds, safeguards, fittings, and hydraulic hoses are in good repair?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Has the machine been disinfected between operators? If so, how <a href="#">frequently</a> and with <a href="#">what</a> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is there a standard operating procedure for the operator and additional workers when using the skid steer (that accounts for physical distancing)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does the operator enter with 3 contact points, the loader arms down, and brakes set?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the machine up to date on maintenance? Clean of debris, no smooth tires, bucket is hooked/locked, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the machine free of passengers? Passengers, including small children, interfere with control, vision, and may bounce out.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does all operation occur exclusively within the cab?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does the operator know the field of vision and blindspots?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are bucket loads secure, within the limit, distributed evenly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the operator trained on controls, safety, hazards and 16 years or older?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you have regular safety training or 'toolbox talks' (virtually or with physical distancing) with operators and workers about hazards and safe work practices while operating or working around skid steers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Name of person completing safety check: \_\_\_\_\_ Date completed: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### Skid-Steer Safety

*Cultivate Safety*

<https://www.cultivatesafety.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/2017-09-Skid-Steer-Prevention-Brief.pdf>

### Operating a Skid-Steer: Can Youth Do This Job Safely?

*Cultivate Safety*

<https://www.cultivatesafety.org/safety-guideline/?guideline=19&interact=false>

### Skid Loader Operator Safety

*Ohio State University Extension*

<https://agsafety.osu.edu/newsletter/ag-safety-stat/december-2017/injury-prevention/skid-loader-operator-safety>

### Farm Machine Safety: Loader and Skid Steer Safety

*North Dakota State University Extension*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ehVwzKzpuEQ>

### Preventing Injuries and Deaths from Skid-Steer Loaders (English & Spanish)

*National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)*

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2011-128/default.html>

### Skid Steer Loader Safety (English & Spanish)

*University of Wisconsin Extension*

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/dairy/skid-steer-loader-safety/>

*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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