

# SAFE LIVESTOCK HANDLING CHECKLIST



Livestock can be the source of serious injuries on the farm. The large size of animals, limited vision, territorial instinct, skittish behavior, and poor depth perception can all be factors in causing livestock related injuries and fatalities. Even the most experienced farmers and ranchers can find themselves in trouble. Use this checklist as a guide for safe livestock handling.

Potential Hazard	Yes	No <i>needs correction</i>	Notes
Are young animals able to stay close to their mothers?			
Are livestock able to follow other animals ahead of them?			
Are workers calm and avoiding sudden movements?			
Are workers approaching the animals from the side so they are not startled?			
Are floor surfaces clean of fall hazards such as water, manure, and other slippery substances?			
Is caution taken around male livestock?			
Are work areas well-lit?			
Are escape routes available to workers?			
<b>Are workers wearing...</b>			
Sturdy and/or steel toed boots with non-skid soles?			
Leather or work gloves?			
Equestrian helmets?			
Hearing protection in noisy environments?			
Respiratory protection in dusty environments?			
Goggles if debris is present?			
Sun protection?			

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