

# SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN ON THE FARM



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## SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN ARE AT RISK ON THE FARM

- Every 3 days a child dies in an agriculture-related incident and 33 children are injured in agriculture-related injuries each day.
- Characteristics that put children at risk for injury include age, body size, peer pressure, and feelings of invincibility
- 60% of children were not working when they were injured in agriculture
- Compared to all other industries combined, youth fatalities occur most often in agriculture
- 48% of all fatal injuries to youth workers occur in agriculture
- The most fatal events for children are transportation incidents - primarily tractor and ATV/UTV accidents



## PREVENTION TIPS



Educate  
and train  
children




Provide  
personal  
protective  
equipment



Supervise  
children on  
the farm

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# HOW TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ON THE FARM

## Know the facts on how children get hurt on the farm.

- When you know the hazards, you can focus on prevention around them. The top 3 causes of injuries and fatalities on the farm are:
  - Fatal:
    - Machinery
    - Motor vehicles
    - Drowning
  - Non-fatal:
    - Falls
    - Animals
    - Machinery/vehicles



Learn more!

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## Establish safety guidelines for youth workers.

- Hired Agricultural Youth Work Guidelines (HAYWG) are designed to help educate farm employers and supervisors on topics pertinent to hired youth to help reduce the risk of injury.



Cultivate Safety:  
Hired  
Agricultural  
Youth Work  
Guidelines

## Know the laws about hiring a teenager to work on your farm or agribusiness.

- Several operations in ag are identified by the Federal Government as being hazardous for children under 16 years of age. There is special training that these youth can complete in order to legally perform these tasks.



CS-CASH:  
Hiring Youth  
Farmworkers  
Under the Age of 16

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about youth  
trainings  
here.



CS-CASH:  
Tractor &  
Equipment  
Safety Course

## Offer or require safety trainings for youth workers.

- Consider requiring a safety training for youth workers, such as AgSafety4U. AgSafety4U is an online certificate course that provides an overview of the hazards common to farms and rural ag businesses.



Extension:  
AgSafety4U