



51%

Machinery, tractors and farm vehicles accounted for 51% of deaths (between 2009-2018)



17%

of the deaths were due to falls and collapses (between 2009-2018)



10%

of the deaths were children (between 2009-2018)



38%

of the deaths were older people over the age of 65 (between 2009-2018)

**“BEFORE EVERY TASK ON THE FARM, THINK...
IS THERE A SAFER WAY?”**

Joe Healy, IFA President



PPE

Be safe, be seen – **always wear PPE**

RISK ASSESSMENT

- Did you know that all farmers are required by law to have an up to date Risk Assessment (or Safety Statement if you have more than 3 employees)? The Risk Assessment should be revised annually or whenever there has been a significant change in the facilities or work practices on the farm.
- Remember a risk assessment isn't just a paper document, it takes just a few minutes to do a mental risk assessment before each job.
- Download a Risk Assessment document from the farm safety section on IFA.ie



51%

51% of deaths involving tractors and farm vehicles were **caused by the person being crushed** (2009- 2018)

TRACTORS, FARM VEHICLES AND MACHINERY

- Plan and prepare for all work with machinery. Always allow adequate time for the job.
- Always practice the SAFE STOP procedure. Reverse park safely, handbrake on, controls in neutral, lower all attachments, engine off and remove keys!
- Carry out regular checks and maintenance of all farm vehicles, particularly brakes.
- Never remove or modify guards in order to save time.
- Only use machines if you know how to use them safely and have received suitable training.
- Always drive at a safe speed and know your limits.

2,500

Approximately **2,500 serious** injuries occur **every year**. Many are life changing and place the farm at risk. That is **7 serious injuries per day** on farms



WORKING AT HEIGHTS

- Assess any job involving work at height, use suitable equipment such as a dedicated machine and only do work you are competent to carry out.
- Make sure all equipment is suitable, stable and strong enough for the job and checked regularly.
- ALWAYS maintain 3 points of contact with a ladder to ensure stability.
- Make sure you don't overload or overreach when working at height.

57%

57% of deaths involving livestock were **caused by cows/heifers** (2009 - 2018)



LIVESTOCK

- Make sure your working area is safe and has safety measures in place e.g. gate, a maintained crush, fences etc.
- Take the time to understand/know the behaviour of the livestock you are working with. Make sure they are handled by trained workers.
- Always have an escape route for emergency situations while working with animals.
- Always be careful around cows and heifers with new born calves and establish an adequate physical barrier between you and the cow and never turn your back on a cow following calving.

SIGNS

Put up warning signs in dangerous areas and make sure children know what they mean



SLURRY

- Remove yourself and all livestock from buildings above or adjacent to the slatted tank before you start and stay out of buildings for at least the first 30 minutes of agitation.
- Open all available ventilation to provide a through draught, especially at floor level, and always try to agitate and spread slurry on a day where there is good air movement.
- Ensure all slurry tanks and lagoons are covered and have a child proof safety fence of at least 1.8m in height; an equally high-locked access gates should be fitted.