

# FARM SAFETY



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45%

of deaths were caused by tractors and farm vehicles such as quad bikes and loaders.



18%

of farm fatalities involved work with livestock



42%

of worker victims were aged 65 years or older



19

On average, 19 people are killed in farm accidents every year

**Farm Safety**  
A Way of Life



Before every task on the farm think... **is there a safer way?**

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53%

Tractors account for 53% of vehicle related deaths

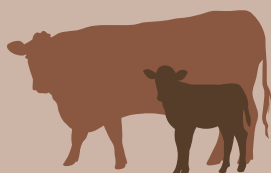


## TRACTORS AND VEHICLES

- Watch out for other people and keep your speed down.
- Practice the SAFE STOP procedure: reverse park, handbrake on, controls in neutral, lower attachments, engine off and remove keys.
- All tractor and machinery drivers should be competent.

29%

Attacks by cows with calves accounted for 29% of fatalities caused by livestock



## LIVESTOCK

- Good handling facilities are essential when handling cattle and other livestock.
- All bulls are potentially dangerous. Always, fit a ring and chain to a stock bull when it is out in the field and exercise great caution if you need to enter the field with the bull.
- Never turn your back on the cow at calving time, always use a calving gate, never get in between the cow and her calf and always have an escape route.

60%

60% of quad bike accidents involve people over 60 years of age. Quad bikes make up 12% of vehicle related deaths



## QUAD BIKES

- The new Quad Bike (ATV) Regulations require that all operators of Quad Bikes to completed a Quad Bike Training Course provided by a registered training provider to a QQI Standard or equivalent, and additionally all such operators must wear appropriate head protection while operating a Quad Bike. The Regulations come into force in November 2023.

85%

85% of child fatalities involve vehicles and machinery



## CHILDREN

- Children should not be allowed unsupervised access to the farmyard.
- Keep children away from dangerous areas (slurry pits, silage pits, grain /chemical stores, working machinery and high areas).
- Under no circumstances should a child under 7 years of age be carried inside the cab of a tractor.

\* All the statistics used in this leaflet were sourced from the HSA's *Statistics on Work-Related Fatalities in Agriculture in Ireland 2013-2022*.

## FARM FAMILY CPD.IE

- The Farm Family CPD project works in partnership with farm families to promote a new cost effective and sustainable training-led approach to foster farm health, safety and wellbeing within each generation of the farm family unit.

- Training will be free of charge thanks to funding from DAFM under the EIP initiative. To register your interest and stay informed visit [www.farmfamilycpd.ie](http://www.farmfamilycpd.ie).
- Training will not only be for farmers but also for younger and older family members.

- Farm Family CPD is supported by FRS Training, IFA, HSA, Teagasc, FBD and FRS Network.



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