



Farm Safety

A Way of Life



171

A total of 171 farming fatalities from 2015-2024



21%

of farm fatalities involved livestock



40%

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



91

91 farming fatalities involved farmers over the age of 65 (2014-2024)

Before every task on the farm
Ask yourself is there a safer way?



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55%

Tractors account for 55% of vehicle related deaths

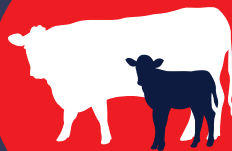


TRACTORS AND VEHICLES

- 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.

25%

Attacks by cows with calves accounted for 25% of fatalities caused by livestock



LIVESTOCK

- Good handling facilities are essential when handling cattle and other livestock.
- Attacks by bulls account for 25% of livestock fatalities. 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.

15%

15% of fatal vehicle accidents involved quad bikes



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.

93%

93% of child fatalities involve vehicles (86%) and machinery (7%)



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, livestock and areas at height).
- 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 2015-2024*.

QUAD SAFETY TRAINING

Regulations governing the safe use of ATV/Quad Bikes in all workplaces (SI 619/2021) came into effect on 20 November 2023. These regulations have 2 essential requirements of note:

- Training to be undertaken with a registered training provider to a QQI standard or equivalent;
- Use of helmets to a (generally) prescribed standard.

Persons who undertake ATV/Quad Bike training must ensure that:

- The training provider used, is a registered training provider, registered with a registration body such as QQI, ABA, Lantra, City & Guilds or others such registered training bodies;
- On successful completion of the training course, they receive a certificate of training that confirms that the course was successfully completed to the QQI standard 5N1752 or equivalent;
- They retain and show when requested their training certificate as proof of training.

IFA held a Quad Safety Training Information Webinar. Recording of webinar can be found at www.ifa.ie/quadsafety