

SAFETY FOR CHILDREN

It is very important that children are extremely careful when playing on or visiting farms. Children are involved in one-third of all accidents on farms but, in many cases this can be prevented by following some simple rules:

LISTEN TO THE FARMER:

- A farmyard is not a play area! Always ask the farmer for advice before you enter it.
- Ask the farmer where is safe on the farm to work or play. Only visit these areas.
- Take note of where the dangerous areas are on the farm and avoid these.
- Do not go through/climb over gates and barriers without checking with the farmer first.

BE SAFE AROUND FARM MACHINERY:

- Do not climb on or play near any farm machinery.
- Always watch out for tractors or other farm machinery approaching. Keep out of the way of moving machinery.
- Never ride on high loads on a trailer.
- Never ride on the drawbar of a trailer.



BE SAFE AROUND SILAGE/SLURRY PITS:

- Ask the farmer if there is a silage or slurry pit on the farm. Do not walk, play or stand too close to either of these as they can be deep and are very dangerous if you fall into them.



BE SAFE AROUND THE ANIMALS:

- All animals could be dangerous. Never visit or attempt to pet animals without being supervised by the farmer.
- Never enter a field with a bull in it.
- Always check with the farmer to find out if there are any animals in particular fields/sheds before entering them.

BE SAFE AROUND WATER LIKE PONDS, STREAMS, WELLS, AND RIVERS:

- Be aware of any water on the farm. Do not walk, play or work too near ponds, streams, wells or rivers.



BE SAFE AROUND HAY, STRAW AND BALES:

- Do not climb on bales of hay or straw. There is a danger of falling in between them.
- Do not climb on large round bales – you may fall off.

