



# Due Diligence and Your Farm Safety Plan

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## What is Due Diligence?

In occupational health and safety, due diligence means that employers shall take all reasonable precautions, under the particular circumstances, to prevent injuries or accidents in the workplace.

In the case of an occupational health and safety program, the criteria for due diligence requires employers to:

**Establish a program** – The program should systematically identify hazards and assess their risks. It must include plans within the program to manage those risks. The plans should reduce the likelihood of the identified hazards causing harm.

**Ensure the program is adequate** – The program must meet the needs of the workplace and the workers. It is a good idea to compare your program with industry standards.

**Monitor and evaluate the program's effectiveness** – A way must exist to allow competent staff to regularly check the effectiveness of the program and how well it meets requirements.

**Due diligence is demonstrated by your actions before an event occurs, not after.**

From: The Farm Safety Guide – Occupational Health & Safety in Saskatchewan. For up to date legislative references go to: [www.aeel.gov.sk.ca/ohs](http://www.aeel.gov.sk.ca/ohs)



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