



Farm Safety Mapping

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Purpose

The purpose of this activity is to *identify the hazards* on your farm. The mapping exercise works with existing knowledge of your family farm. It provides a basis for critical thinking, conversation and reflection.

This can be done with workers or family or used as a tool for training new employees or anyone visiting your property. It is also a good tool for workers whose first language is not English. The *Farm Safety Walkabout* is another great Network resource to use with new workers and children.

Materials:

- Markers
- Large piece of paper (The larger the better!)
- On a smaller scale, a pencil and graph paper works too.

Questions:

Take some time to ask questions and discuss the reasons why certain items are in their specific locations. Locate all the danger zones, off-limits areas (especially for children), and discuss any changes that need to be made. Sample questions for a children's map:

- Where is the children's play area?
- Where are you allowed to go with an adult?

Without an adult? Where are you never allowed to go?

Instructions:

Here are some sample items you may wish to put on your map. Of course, with each individual farm yard there will be a unique combination of hazards to be addressed.

- House, barn and other buildings
- GPS locations of house, gate, and farm buildings
- Fences and gates
- Access roads and tracks
- Transport vehicle loading/unloading locations
- Overhead and underground power lines
- Dams and water courses
- Unsuitable ATV terrain
- Flood prone areas
- Pesticide storage areas
- Machinery

Also identify the locations of fire extinguishers, first aid kits, and eyewashes.

The Network has a large variety of health and safety resources available. Please call (306) 966-6644 if you would like a copy sent to you, or check out our on-line electronic copies at aghealthandsafetynetwork.usask.ca

