



Commitment to Safety

THE NETWORK: providing agricultural occupational health and safety information and programs to Saskatchewan farm families since 1988

Developing a Farm Safety Plan begins with a commitment to safety.

The commitment to farm safety starts when you take ownership of the health and safety of yourself, your family, and your employees. This includes taking action towards preventing preventable injuries through awareness of potential hazards and providing appropriate training to all persons on your farm. Build your reputation with those you work with by being consistent. The actions that you take demonstrate the values and ethics in your safe farm culture. **Safety is about what you do even when no one is looking.**

The Culture of Farm Safety

Building a positive culture of safety on the farm requires a commitment by everyone involved. Effective injury prevention on family farms must be the concern of all family members. Each member shares the responsibility of accepting the importance of safety. Communication between members is an essential part of the process to ensure a safe work environment.

Build a positive environment by:

- Having confidence in the effectiveness of preventative measures to avoid injury and use safe farm practices.
- Frequently and continually reflecting on farming practices.
- Setting realistic rules to be used consistently. The integrity of the farming operation is enhanced by the accountability of all members.
- By eliminating risk factors, injuries can be prevented.



“When you teach your children about safety and watch out for their health you are setting guidelines and values for the rest of their lives. It’s a busy world with everyone in too big of a hurry, and children need to learn to stop and think about the consequences of their actions. Farm safety training has far reaching effects that may not be noticeable now, but will pay off in the future.”

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