

GENERAL RULES FOR FARM SAFETY



Farming and ranching consist of a variety of tasks performed in constantly changing conditions. Many of these tasks have the potential for a certain degree of risk, which can be increased by inattentive or careless behavior.

Adherence to the following general safety rules will promote the development of safe work habits and help prevent accidents. Failure to follow these rules could result in warnings, followed by dismissal for a repeat offender.

- Arrive at work on time and alert. Never perform work under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Wear appropriate clothing, including foot and hand wear, that does not risk entanglement with equipment or livestock.
- Equipment and tools should be stored in a safe manner. You are expected to keep your work areas and/or machine neat and clean.
- Never cut corners or skip steps. Always follow the correct procedure.
- Know where fire extinguishers and first aid kits, etc. are located and keep the path to reach them clear.
- Do not perform work under unsafe conditions. Any employee has the right to stop work if they feel it is unsafe.
- Use extreme care when operating a vehicle on ranch roads or rural county roads (gravel). These roads often have blind hills, poorly engineered corners, and unstable surfaces.
- Operate only equipment you are authorized and trained to use. Be alert that all guards and protective devices are in place and operable. Do not attempt to operate equipment without special permission unless it is part of your regular duties.
- Practice proper lifting by bending at the knees and using your legs. Avoid lifting and turning at the same time.
- Use protective equipment appropriate for the task.
- Report hazardous conditions, unsafe acts, property damage, injury, or illness to your supervisor as soon as possible after discovery. Promptly seek medical treatment for injuries, should one occur.

These safety rules have been written and provided to you for your safety. Take the necessary time to read and understand them. If you need additional information, feel free to ask your supervisor. Please keep this copy in a convenient place for future reference.

Your signature below indicates you have read and understand these rules, and further, that you accept the responsibility of always using good judgment to make workplace safety your number one priority.

Employee Signature: _____

Date: _____

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