

Farm Safety Tips

- **Be S.A.F.E.** – See, Assess, Fix, and Evaluate risk.
- **Get a Check-up** – make sure every worker is checked-up on at least every two hours.
- **Guard against accidents** – make sure all machines have the appropriate guards installed.
- **Plan to rest** – Plan your work, work your plan, then call it a day. Fatigue leads to accidents.
- **Think before you do.** – Think through all the steps of each task and make sure that you (or your worker) are able to physically do the work in a productive and safe manner. Do you need help?
- **Shortcuts kill.** – Shortcuts in farming can cut-short your farming.
- **Hire right** – It is a lot safer and less expensive to hire the right person and pay them fairly than to hire an unqualified person for less money then pay for their liability and errors.
- **Know the code.** – Te Code of Practices for Farm Safety (PEI) have set the industry standards for agriculture.
- **Train for safety.** – Training workers to do their job is not just good business, it is due diligence.
- Two out of three farm fatalities (60%) tend to be the owner-operator. The remaining farm fatalities tend to be: a child of the owner-operator (15%); a hired worker (12%); a relative – perhaps a brother or parent (8%); or the owner-operator’s spouse (3%), with the remaining (2%) being other visitors. - (Source CAISP)
- Just over half of farm accidents happen while the victim is working alone, while about 25% of incidents happen in the presence of a family member. - (Source CAISP)
- Tractors account for almost half (47.5%) of farm fatalities, whereas agricultural machinery other than tractors account for almost one-quarter (24.3%). The remaining quarter (28.4%) of fatalities are by causes not related to machinery such as livestock attacks, falls, drowning, and electrocution, among others. - (Source CAISP)
- The average annual cost of farm-related injuries to the Canadian economy is between \$200 and \$300 million. - (Source CAISP)
- The average Canadian farmer is over 50 years old. - (Source Statistics Canada)
- Only 2% of farms in Canada are non-family corporations, 61% are single owner-operators, 27% are partnerships, and 10% are family corporations. - (Source Statistics Canada)