



# FACT SHEET #5

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## SMV Means Slow Moving Vehicle

In Canada, all farm vehicles traveling at road speeds of 40 kilometres per hour or less are required to have a slow moving vehicle (SMV) sign posted on the rear-most surface of the vehicle or implement. Exemptions include bicycles, mopeds and disabled vehicles that are being towed, as well as horse-drawn vehicles driven by those whose religious beliefs do not permit use of the sign. In most provinces, fines can be issued to those not using, or misusing the sign.

A slow-moving-vehicle sign should be securely mounted at the centre or to the left of centre on the rear of self-propelled equipment, so that it is clearly visible from the rear. If towed or mounted equipment or loads impair the visibility of the SMV sign on the propelling equipment, or extend more than 10 m (33 ft.) behind the hitch point, a SMV sign should be mounted on the rear of the equipment or load.

The SMV sign is designed to be mounted perpendicular to the direction of travel with a point of the triangle upward. The sign should be mounted so that the lower edge is between 0.6 to 1.8 m (2 to 6 ft.) above the ground.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture along with Farm Credit Canada, the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada want to remind farmers that a SMV sign can save lives and prevent injury. Use it properly and when you see the sign, slow down and proceed with caution. *Farm Safety Means Farm Safely*

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