

» LOSS CONTROL INSIDER

Lowering risk, focused on the bottom line.



Prevent Injury From Farm Hazards

Farm safety should never be taken lightly. Each year, 2,600 farm residents are killed and 230,000 disabled in farm-related injuries. Many machinery-related accidents result from human error. Respiratory hazards are also common on farms today.

Take precautions to protect yourself and your employees during the planting and harvesting seasons. As you head for the fields, here are measures you should consider taking:

Spring planting

- » Wear eye protection.
- » Use air-purifying respirators to filter molds and dust.
- » Use chemical cartridge respirators to filter toxic gas and vapor.
- » Use gloves with the correct protective liners for the chemicals being handled.
- » Read the MSDS sheet attached to farm chemical containers for safe handling instructions.

Fall harvesting

- » Ventilate silo headspace 30 minutes before entering.
- » Always disengage the power take-off before getting off a tractor.
- » Never step across a rotating power shaft.
- » Avoid wearing loose-fitting clothing near moving parts.
- » When grain carts or wagons are to be unhitched from tractors, make sure wheel chocks are available to prevent rollaway accidents.
- » Keep the ground around loading or unloading areas free of debris and grain.
- » Bystanders should stay clear of operating equipment.
- » Keep children away from work areas.

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