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**WALES
FARM SAFETY
PARTNERSHIP**



WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE FARMING SAFER

Stop...think...stay safe on your farm
Top tips to make your farm a safer place to work



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Always follow SAFE STOP

Every time you leave the seat of any farm vehicle, remember...



ENGAGE
HANDBRAKE



SWITCH
OFF ENGINE



CONTROLS
IN NEUTRAL



REMOVE KEY

In the last decade, nearly **40** farm machinery operators have been killed when they were run over by their own vehicle after leaving the cab without applying a working handbrake. Around **30 people** were also killed by becoming entangled in machinery and many more were seriously injured. **80%** of these occurred when carrying out adjustments while the machinery was left running.

Cover Photo: Abergavenny farmer Robin Foord tried to remove trapped grain from a combine harvester while it was running.

Wales Farm Safety Partnership - Foreword

32 lives lost each year farmers, family members and farm workers!

A tragic 32 fatalities occur on British farms each year - this horrific statistic needs addressing. Thousands more farmers and farm workers have suffered life-changing injuries or ill-health.

The Wales Farm Safety Partnership, a collaboration of key agricultural stakeholder organisations in Wales, is determined to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries that occur on farms in Wales each year.

Over the last 20 years, the construction industry has greatly improved its safety records. Sadly, this cannot be said for farming. You are now six times more likely to be killed on a farm than on a building site. Our mission is to make farmers, their families and their workers **stop, think and stay safe**.

By working together, we **can and must change behaviours**. We **can and must save lives and livelihoods** on Welsh farms. I urge you to comply with the law and put the right safeguards in place on your farm, to reduce the risk of injury or death to you, your family members and workers. Together, we can help make your farm a safer place to work.



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Member organisations of the Wales Farm Safety Partnership include:

APHA
(Animal and Plant Health Agency)

CLA Cymru
(Country Landowners Association Cymru)

FCN
(Farm Community Network)

FUW
(Farmers' Union of Wales)

HCC
(Hybu Cig Cymru)

IOSH
(Institution of Occupational Safety and Health)

Lantra Wales

NFU Cymru
(National Farmers Union Cymru)

NRW
(Natural Resources Wales)

RABI
(Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution)

RWAS
(Royal Welsh Agricultural Society)

Wales YFC
(Wales Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs)

Welsh Government

HSE
(Health and Safety Executive - advisory role)

Moving vehicles are one of the major causes of death and serious injuries on farms



- Ensure your vehicle is well maintained, especially brakes on trailers
- Keep people and moving vehicles separate
- Never carry passengers
- Always wear a seatbelt
- All drivers must be trained and competent
- Ensure mirrors are correctly fitted, properly adjusted and always repaired promptly if damaged
- Keep all mirrors and cab windows clean
- Ensure all loads are stable and secure
- Always check for people on the ground when driving – many vehicles such as telescopic handlers have blind spots
- Always follow 'Safe Stop'

DO NOT...

- Move off in any direction until you've checked all the above
- Forget to check regularly that the vehicle is in good and safe working order

Overtaken vehicles are one of the major causes of death and serious injuries on farms... ATVs and tractors present significant risks

- All drivers must be trained and competent
- Never carry passengers
- Always wear a seatbelt
- ATV drivers must wear a suitable and approved ATV helmet
- Always maintain vehicles, trailers and any trailed implements or attachments in good order – routinely and regularly check tyre pressure, brakes and throttle
- Always secure any loads and make sure they are evenly balanced
- Always follow 'Safe Stop'



DO NOT...

- Drive or operate an ATV unless you are fully trained and competent
- Take risks on uneven or sloping ground which can lead to overturning

Machinery



- All drivers/operators must be trained and competent
- Only operate controls from the driving or operating position and make sure all drivers/operators know how to use them correctly
- Always ensure the vehicle or machine is in 'Safe Stop' mode before undertaking any maintenance tasks or checks, either in the field or the workshop
- Check all necessary guards are in position and in good order. Make sure you know what guards should be there.
- Regularly inspect all vehicles/machines to ensure they are properly maintained
- Always follow 'Safe Stop'

DO NOT...

- Operate powered equipment unless the PTO drive shaft is fully protected by properly designed guards which are secured by chain to prevent the guard rotating
- Operate a machine if you are not trained and competent to use it

Handling livestock is one of the major causes of death and serious injuries on farms

- All those handling livestock must be trained and competent
- Always use proper handling facilities, kept in good working order
- Always use a properly designed race and crush suitable for the animals you work with and the tasks you are completing
- Ensure a rigorous culling policy for temperamental animals
- Never underestimate the instincts of a recently calved cow
- Try to avoid working alone with large animals

DO NOT...

- Work with unrestrained cattle/stock without suitable handling facilities
- Under-estimate the risk from cattle, even with good precautions in place



Falling from heights is one of the major causes of death and serious injuries on farms



- All those working at heights must be trained and competent
- If you are not trained or don't know what equipment to use then you should engage a specialist roofing contractor
- Try to avoid or minimise the time spent working at heights whenever possible – even short duration work needs the right planning and access equipment such as mobile elevating work platforms, scaffolds and fall prevention devices
- Reduce the risk of falls from large machinery such as combines by always using the access ladders, steps and/or standing platforms provided by the manufacturer

DO NOT...

- Work on top of or walk within two meters of any uncovered fragile roof areas without using platforms with full guard rails, suitable safety harnesses, safety netting or other fall prevention or mitigation systems
- Work on any open-ended floors or platforms if they are not protected with suitable guard rails



**IF YOU ARE WORKING
ALONE, TAKE A PHONE**

DEVELOP THE HEALTH AND SAFETY SKILLSET WITHIN YOUR BUSINESS

Training, advice and support is available for eligible individuals registered with Farming Connect

- Completing a Farming Connect Personal Development Plan (PDP) online can help you analyse your business needs and strengthen or introduce new skills which can help you learn and develop safer and more efficient ways of working.
- Select the training you need from the wide range of subsidised courses available through Farming Connect.
- Select a training provider from the approved online list.
- Complete the fully-funded interactive e.learning module on H&S (*a pre-requisite if you plan to apply for machinery and equipment training*) which can be found on the Business Wales BOSS website <https://businesswales.gov.wales/boss/>

Eligible individuals registered with Farming Connect can apply for funding of up to 80% for short accredited training courses. For further eligibility guidance, please visit www.gov.wales/farmingconnect or call the **Farming Connect Service Centre** on **08456 000 813**.

For advice on which training would best meet your business requirements, speak to one of our approved training providers or your local Farming Connect development officer.

NB You must apply for and receive funding approval from Farming Connect before commencing training.



TRAINING COURSES

- Better livestock handling for increased profitability
- Chainsaw use and maintenance
- Emergency First Aid at work
- First Aid at work
- Health and Safety in the workplace
- Manual handling
- Safe use of pesticides
- Safe use of sheep dip
- Site safety awareness
- Sit-in and sit-astride ATVs
- Telescopic handler
- Tractor driving
- Working at heights and risk assessment
- Working safely in agriculture / horticulture

Health & Safety events



Farming Connect's '**Saving Lives and Livelihoods**' fully funded events offer short practical demonstrations that could help you reduce the risks of farm accidents and injuries.

Health and Safety is addressed at a number of other Farming Connect events, contact the **Farming Connect Service Centre** for further information.

One-to-one mentoring

Farming Connect's mentoring programme provides eligible farmers and foresters with up to **22.5 hours** of one-to-one guidance and advice on a wide range of topics, including health and safety.

Your health and safety mentor will help you identify risks, eliminate hazards and reduce the risk of accidents within your business.

To select an approved mentor from Farming Connect's online mentor directory visit www.gov.wales/farmingconnect

You can narrow your search by filtering the health and safety mentors.

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For more comprehensive advice on farm health and safety visit:

Health and Safety Executive
www.hse.gov.uk/agriculture

Farm Safety Foundation
www.yellowwellies.org
