

**CYDWEITHIO ER BUDD  
DIOGELWCH AR Y FFERM  
WORKING TOGETHER TO  
MAKE FARMING SAFER**



## **Wales Farm Safety Partnership**

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**[www.hse.gov.uk/agriculture](http://www.hse.gov.uk/agriculture)**



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# Welsh Farm Safety Partnership

## - message from the chairman

388  farmers, family members and farm workers!

### Safe Stop



Have you used your **HANDBRAKE?**



Are your controls in **NEUTRAL?**



Have you switched your **ENGINE OFF?**



Have you taken your **KEY OUT?**

Always follow **SAFE STOP**

This is the number of people that have been killed while at work on British farms in the last ten years, thousands more have suffered serious injuries and work related ill health.

The role of the **'Wales Farm Safety Partnership' (WFSP)** through its affiliated organisations is to firstly, convince farmers in Wales that we have serious Health and Safety challenges on our farms. Secondly to provide advice and guidance in conjunction with the 'Health and Safety Executive' (HSE) in order to improve the situation and to save lives' on our farms.

Over the last twenty years other industries such as construction and quarrying have greatly improved their safety records, while farming has not, you are now six times more likely to be killed on a farm than you would on a building site.

All the organisations here in Wales who are signed up to the 'On Farm Health & Safety Charter for Wales' are committed to:

**“Working together to make farming safer, Cydweithio er budd diogelwch ar y fferm.”**



**BRIAN REES**

*Chairman – Wales Farm Safety Partnership*

# Transport



Moving vehicles are responsible for a large number of serious agricultural injuries and deaths.

- Ensure mirrors are fitted and properly adjusted. Repair mirrors if broken
- Mirrors and cab windows should be kept clean
- Ensure all loads are stable and secure
- Keep people separate from moving farm vehicles
- Telescopic handlers can have serious blind spots created by boom - always check for pedestrians

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REMEMBER - HANDBRAKE ON +  
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+ KEYS OUT = SAFE STOP**

Overturning vehicles are a common cause of serious and fatal injuries.



ATV's can very rapidly become unstable if driven carelessly and used outside their safe operating parameters.



- Drivers must be trained
- Ensure the driver wears a helmet – head injuries are the most common cause of death from accidents involving quad bikes
- The ATV is well maintained and routinely checked – tyre pressure, brakes and throttle
- Always follow safe stop

# Machinery



Never use a tractor or other machinery unless you have been trained to do so.

- Always operate controls from the driving position
- Make sure you understand the controls before you operate the tractor
- Before attempting any maintenance work on a machine – whether in the work shop or in the field - make sure it is safe to work on by following **Safe Stop**

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Before using, or allowing others to use, a machine, check that all guards are in good condition and in place.



Ensure that,

- You do not use a machine that has damaged or missing guards
- The PTO drive shaft is fully protected by properly designed guards and secured by chain to prevent the guard rotating



- Regularly inspect equipment
- Make sure all equipment is fit for purpose and maintained properly
- Always follow **Safe Stop**

## Livestock

Livestock handling is one of the biggest causes of death and serious injuries on farms. Carrying out tasks on unrestrained cattle or with makeshift equipment dramatically increases the risk of injury from crushing, kicking, butting or goring.



Reduce the risk of injury when handling cattle, remember to:

- Always use proper handling facilities kept in good working order
- Use a race and crush suitable for the animals you are working with
- Ensure that all workers are trained and competent
- Consider a rigorous culling policy for temperamental animals
- Never underestimate the protective instincts of a newly calved cow
- Try to avoid working alone with cattle



## Falls



When working at height without protection it only takes one small mistake or lapse in concentration to result in death or serious injury. Falling from height is one of the biggest causes of workplace deaths in Agriculture. There are also significant numbers of non-fatal incidents leading to life changing injuries.

**To reduce risks:**

- Try to avoid or minimise working at height where you can
- Use work equipment or other measures to prevent falls where you cannot avoid working at height
- Never work on or walk over fragile roofs unless platforms, covers or similar protection are provided to adequately support your weight
- Consider engaging a specialist roofing contractor
- Ensure open edges of floors or platforms are protected with suitable guard rails



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

Make sure that you and your employees are adequately trained and competent to undertake all farm tasks. For advice on training contact Lantra:  
e-mail: [wales@lantra.co.uk](mailto:wales@lantra.co.uk) phone: 01982 552646 website: [www.lantra.co.uk](http://www.lantra.co.uk)

Contact Farming Connect to find out what funding is available  
[www.gov.wales/farmingconnect](http://www.gov.wales/farmingconnect) or 08456 000 813.

**FARM SAFETY NOTICE**

	<b>No unauthorised persons allowed beyond this point</b>
	<b><u>BEWARE</u> Livestock can be dangerous</b>
	<b><u>CAUTION</u> Farm machinery in operation</b>
	<b>This is not a playground!</b>

**THINK SAFETY FIRST!**