

Five-Minute Safety Tips

Farmers, Please Remind Your Employees About Safety Precautions During This Busy Harvest Season!

Please take five minutes to remind your employees about the following safety precautions. Long hours and dangerous working conditions are accepted as a normal part of the life of a farmer but no one should become a statistic for the sake of getting done a day or two earlier.

Some Safety Tips for Farmers

- Stay alert. Take breaks — get out of the cab and walk around every few hours.
- Shut down before working on a machine. If the combine becomes clogged, shut off the motor, not just the header, before attempting to unplug it by hand.
- Know where your co-workers are. Visibility is poor around large machinery. Many deaths are the result of bystanders being run over or crushed between machines.
- Never trust hydraulic systems when working under a machine. Always use a safety prop if you must work under a header or other heavy machinery.
- Never step over a rotating PTO. A few extra steps to walk around the tractor isn't worth losing your life over.
- Never stand on grain that is being moved. Every year people “drown” in grain carts and grain bins that are being emptied.
- Keep grain auger grates and shields in place.
- If you must move machinery on a roadway after dark, have working headlights and flashing front and rear warning lights.