



Farmsafe
AUSTRALIA

Welcome ABOARD

Farms are fantastic places to live, work and visit, but they are not without their risks. Farm safety is something everyone needs to take very seriously.

The first step to creating a strong safety culture is conducting safety inductions for every person who sets foot on a farm. A well-prepared induction should raise awareness and outline potential risks and hazards on the property and provide information on how to reduce those risks and hazards to prevent injuries or fatalities.

Here are some basic guidelines around some of the common risks and hazards present on most farms. They include helpful hints and some of the basic 'dos' and 'don'ts' when on the farm.

Disclaimer: This card is intended as a general guide only and is designed to be used to increase risk awareness and safe work practices. It is not a comprehensive list of risks and hazards on farm and it is not legal advice. This card does not take the place of proper individualised on-farm workplace inductions, work, health and safety training, or any other tailored steps, which may be necessary to protect health and safety at specific farms or worksites.

Chemicals

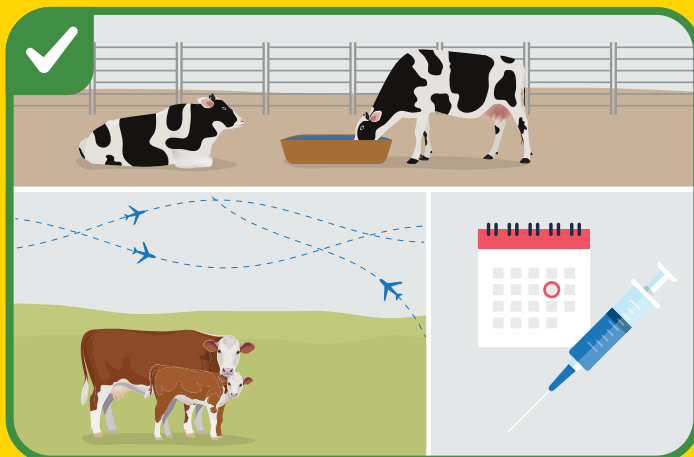


- ✓ Always store chemicals in a lockable, well ventilated area, according to manufacturer's guidelines
- ✓ Appropriate signage should be placed to raise awareness of the presence of chemicals
- ✓ Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) when handling or in the presence of chemicals



- ✗ Do not store chemicals where children can gain access to them
- ✗ Do not eat or drink in areas where chemicals are handled or stored
- ✗ Do not decant or store chemicals in unmarked containers

Livestock

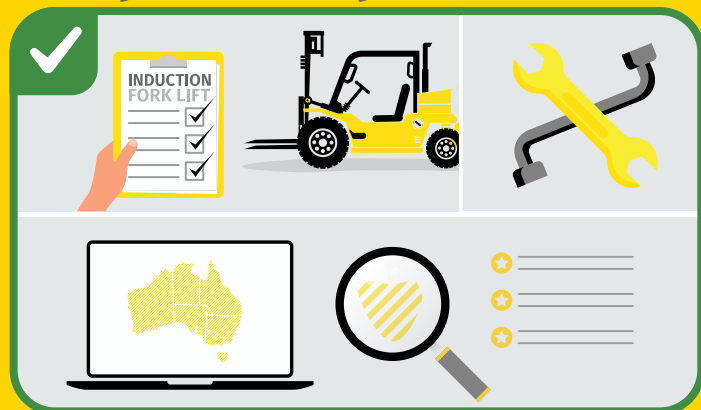


- ✓ Allow livestock to settle in yards after mustering, prior to commencing work with them
- ✓ Be aware of flight zones and work with extra caution around animals with young at foot
- ✓ Be aware of zoonotic disease risks and keep up-to-date with vaccinations such as Q-Fever
- ✓ Ensure yards are well maintained, clean and in good working order



- ✗ Do not allow children in yards with livestock
- ✗ Do not turn your back on livestock - ensure that you are well within a safe exclusion zone when your attention is not fully on the herd or mob
- ✗ Do not stand behind gates or in areas where you may be crushed

Heavy Machinery & Farm Vehicles



- ✓ Always conduct a thorough induction for each piece of machinery or farm vehicle that an employee will be using
- ✓ Maintain machines and service them regularly
- ✓ Always check and document relevant training and licensing requirements in your State - update all information in your training register regularly



- ✗ Do not assume someone knows how to operate a machine - your brand or model may be different
- ✗ Never remove or circumvent any manufacturer's safety features
- ✗ Do not allow children under the age of 16 to operate or be a passenger on a quad bike

Water



- ✓ Erect safety fencing around water when practical or required
- ✓ Alert children and parents of the presence and location of water on the property
- ✓ Enrol children in swimming lessons to learn to swim



- ✗ Do not allow unsupervised children near water
- ✗ Do not drive through flood waters
- ✗ Do not drink alcohol while working or playing in or around water

Electricity



- ✓ Place warning signage near overhead powerlines
- ✓ Use a spotter when operating near overhead powerlines
- ✓ Regularly have equipment tested and tagged



- ✗ Never attempt repairs or upgrades without a licensed professional
- ✗ Never dig without first contacting authorities (Dial Before You Dig) to identify any areas that may have underground wires or cables

For more comprehensive information about farm safety and to access educational and awareness resources, please visit farmsafe.org.au



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