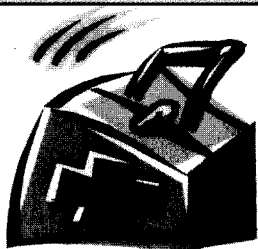


General:	Yes	No
Are electrical leads, cables, and equipment regularly inspected and maintained?		
Have you replaced/repaired any exposed electrical wires, damaged electrical switches, power points, conduits, or appliances likely to cause an electric shock/death?		
Is a safety switch, residual current device (RCD) or an earth leakage protection device used when using portable electrical equipment, e.g. tools, irrigation pumps?		
Prior to lifting anything, do you adopt correct manual handling procedures?		
Is hearing protection worn in areas where you need to raise your voice to talk to others?		
Are your firearms and ammunition stored in a locked and safe place and out of reach of children?		
Do you adopt correct handling techniques when working with animals?		
Have you identified the hazards associated with dams and waterways?		
Do you have first aid kits and fire extinguishers in the home, workshop, barn, tractors/and other vehicles?		



Farming safety requires awareness of potential hazards and appropriate preventive measures. This 15 minute checklist is not designed to cover all of the hazards and risks on the farm but is only a starting point.

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The 15 Minute Farm Safety Checklist

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How safe is your farm?

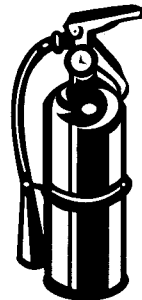
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In order to help make your farm a safer place, use this checklist of common hazards found around the farm. This is not an exhaustive checklist but rather a starting point.

Inspect the locations listed under the subject heading and answer the questions listed by checking either Yes or No box.

Silos and field bins:	Yes	No
Are augers and/or conveyors guarded to prevent arms, legs, feet, hands, hair or clothing from getting caught?		
Are silos and field bins regularly inspected for structural damage or wear?		
Do you secure hatches to prevent unauthorized access to the silos or field bins?		
Is fall protection provided and worn when: a) climbing vertical ladders, or b) working on top of the silo or bin?		
When moving equipment, do you watch for power lines and maintain safety clearances? Can these lines be buried?		
Are confined spaces procedures followed when entering silos or field bins?		
Are appropriate respirators worn when loading dusty grains?		
Are respirators far enough above the ground to be out of reach of children?		
Are silo ladders far enough above the ground to be out of reach of children?		

Chemicals:	Yes	No
Is there a register of hazardous substances used on the farm?		
Are material safety data sheets available on the farm for those using hazardous substances?		
Are the users of farm chemicals trained in the safe use of those chemicals?		
Are appropriate respirators, gloves, safety glasses and clothing provided when using chemicals?		
Is safety equipment regularly inspected and maintained as recommended by the manufacturer?		
Are chemicals stored and locked in a secure location away from children?		
Are procedures in place to handle chemical spills?		
Are all flammable liquids (Class 3) stored away from ignition sources?		
Are fire extinguishers located near chemical/fuel storage areas and are they maintained?		
Are chemical containers labeled correctly, e.g. none in soft drink bottles?		



Tractors and equipment:	Yes	No
Is the tractor fitted with an approved Roll Over Protection Structure (ROPS)?		
Are guards fitted to equipment where there is a risk of limbs, hair or clothing being caught (e.g. PTO, auger, unguarded belts and pulleys)?		
Are children and adults prevented from riding on tractors/towed implements which do not have a seat/hand and foot holds?		
Do vehicles, such as ATVs, carry loads in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended limits?		
Are operators of vehicles familiar with the manufacturer's instructions?		
Is hearing protection worn when using noisy equipment?		
Is there regular inspection and maintenance of equipment, e.g. guards?		
When inflating tires, are precautions taken to prevent injury from a tire blow-out?		
When moving equipment, do you watch for power lines and maintain safe distances?		
Are the tractor brakes functioning correctly?		
Is the tractor only started from the operator's seat?		
Do you use seatbelts on tractors and other equipment?		