

Farm Safety Self Assessment Checklist

Note: this is not a full list of considerations and should be used as a starting point when assessing risks in the workplace.

	Yes	No	Action required
1. Management Roles and Responsibilities:			
Has a person been nominated with responsibility for health and safety on the farm?			
Does signage indicate where workers, contractors and visitors report on entry to the farm?			
Do workers, contractors and visitors know how to report health and safety issues?			
Has a farm safety approach been developed that includes a commitment to:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> eliminating or reducing risks to health and safety which arise from farm-work activities? 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> consulting with workers about health and safety issues and ways to control hazards? 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> providing workers with information, instruction, training and supervision so they can complete tasks safely? 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> maintaining and storing plant and chemicals in a safe condition and ensuring they are used in ways that are safe and without risks to workers' health? 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> providing and maintaining first aid and emergency procedures? 			
2. Consultation:			
Are safety issues discussed with workers (including family workers)?			
3. Induction, Training and Supervision:			
Are workers, visitors and contractors inducted on entry to the farm?			
Are workers trained in safe work procedures?			
Are workers supervised to ensure safe work procedures are followed?			
Are inspections of plant and equipment, sheds, workshops, silos etc conducted?			
Are maintenance records kept?			

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4. Farm Safety Rules:			
Have safety policies been established to prevent family members, (including children), workers and others from placing themselves at risk of injury?			
Are policies in place that require helmets to be worn with all riding activities including quad bikes, side by sides, motorbikes and horses?			
Does the quad bike safe work procedure state that children under 16 do not operate adult sized quad bikes and are not carried as passengers?			
Are NO-GO zones identified and communicated where excessively hazardous terrain exists?			
Are safe access/egress and internal routes identified, established and clearly communicated?			
Have hazards associated with over-head and under-ground power lines been identified?			
Have hazards associated with waterways, dams, pits, quarries, steep grades and vehicle crossings been identified and addressed?			
5. Tractors and Mobile Plant:			
Is it fitted with approved ROPs and/or FOPs and seat belt mounting points where required?			
Are seat belts fitted and worn by operators?			
Are PTO outlets and drive shafts guarded, and the master shield on tractors guarded and maintained in good working condition?			
Is it only started from the operator's seat?			
Is it checked for safe access and egress, including condition of steps and handrails to prevent falls?			
Is it operated only by workers assessed as competent to operate plant and hold appropriate certification where required?			
Has competence been recorded and signed off by a competent assessor where required?			
Is it maintained and records of maintenance kept?			



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6. Workshop and Electrical Hazards:				
	Has all electrical equipment that is plugged into a power point (GPO) been tested and tagged by a competent person and records kept?			
	Is a residual current device (RCD) fitted to electrical power boards where portable equipment is used?			
	Are power lines o/head and u/ground - identified and risks controlled?			
	Are bench grinder guards in place and tool rests adjusted?			
	Are oxy acetylene sets fitted with flashback arrestors, bottles upright and secured, gauges working, and hoses not damaged or perished?			
	Is relevant PPE supplied, used and maintained in good condition? e.g. face-shields, glasses, hearing protection, gloves and chemical aprons and gloves.			
	Are air compressor drive pulleys and belts guarded? Is plant registered and inspected where required?			
	Are appropriate fire extinguishers available in relevant areas, is servicing up to date and are workers trained in how to use them?			
	Is a clearly signposted and properly stocked first aid kit available in working areas such as the workshop, vehicles, mobile plant and are those locations identified?			
	Are trained First Aiders on site?			
7. Machine Guarding Safety:				
	Are manufacturers' safe use instructions available?			
	Are all dangerous parts of fixed, mobile and hand held plant secured?			
	Are Irrigation pumps, motor drive shafts and couplings properly guarded?			



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8. Chemical Safety:			
Are chemicals stored in properly constructed, lockable, ventilated, fire resistant and bunded areas?			
Are all chemicals stored in original containers with correct legible labels?			
Are decanted chemicals labelled?			
Are fuel and overhead tanks placarded?			
Do fuel and overhead tanks have safe ladder access to prevent falling?			
Are fuel storage tanks clear of debris, and are firefighting appliances available?			
Are Safety Data Sheets available and up to date?			
9. Paddocks and Open Areas:			
Are crossings clearly marked (e.g. channels and cattle crossings on public roads)			
Are water troughs clearly identified in high growth areas, and or when they are adjacent to gateways?			
Have hazards been identified & communicated to workers? e.g. stumps, rock-heaps and washouts.			
10. Animal Handling:			
Are gates inspected and maintained to ensure they swing easily on hinges to minimize strain on workers?			
Are emergency escapes sufficiently available?			
Are safety/warning signs in place where relevant?			
Are workers trained in working around livestock?			
11. Grain Movement and Storage:			
Are storage and feed bins regularly inspected for damage, rust and metal fatigue?			
Are confined space entry procedures developed and followed when entering silos and bins?			
Have workers received training in confined space requirements?			
Are workers provided P2 dusk masks or respirators fitted with appropriate cartridges for protection against grain dust?			
Are input ends of grain augers guarded where used externally?			