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Polling Question 1



How would you BEST describe your role/work/position?

- Agricultural Organization (Cooperative, Farm Bureau, Union, etc.)
- College: Academic/Research/Extension
- Equipment Manufacturer/Dealer/Sales
- Farmer/Agricultural Employer
- Health and Safety Professional
- Migrant/Seasonal-serving Organization
- Other Service Organization (banking, insurance, etc.)
- Youth Organization/Educator (FFA, 4-H, PAF, CSN, etc.)
- Other

Rural vs. Urban



Rural Characteristics

- >46 million people live in rural areas
- Higher incidence of
 - Heart disease
 - Stroke
 - Cancer
 - Chronic lower respiratory disease
 - Suicide (gap increasing over time)
 - Exacerbated by opioid addictions, shortage of mental health services, social isolation
 - Unintentional injuries

Source: https://www.cdc.gov/ruralhealth/about.html

Polling Question 2



Choose what you think are the TOP 3 safety concerns (injury/illness agents) for children in rural areas?

- ATVs/UTVs
- Bicycles
- Chemicals
- Drowning
- Fire/burns
- Grain
- Livestock Injuries (cattle, pigs, chickens, sheep, etc.)
- Tractors/Equipment
- Vectors (ticks, mosquitos, fleas, horseflies, etc.)
- Vehicles (cars, trucks, highway traffic, etc.)

Unintentional Injuries



- Unintentional injury fatalities are 50% higher in rural areas vs. urban
- Over half of rural fatalities are preventable (vs. 39% of urban)
- Rural incidents are more likely to involve multiple injuries
 - Crush injuries
 - Animal bites
 - Burns
 - Eye injuries
 - Fractures
 - Soft tissue injuries

Injury Causes



- Transportation/vehicles
 - Tractors
 - ATVs/UTVs
 - Trucks & Farm Vehicles
- Drownings
 - Lakes, rivers, ponds & creeks
 - Irrigation ponds & manure pits
- Animals
- Fire/burns
- Suicide
- Poisoning











Economic and Social Factors



- Geographical isolation
- Access to health care
- Lack of health insurance
- Poverty and food insecurity
- Housing
- Transportation
- Access to childcare
- High risk farming activities

The Numbers on Agriculture



- 22 million people employed in an agriculture-related field
- 2 million farms in the U.S.
- 893,000 children/youth live on farms
- More than half of these work on farms (51%)
- An additional 265,600 youth are hired to work on farms
- An estimated 25 million youth visit farms
- Diverse population
 - Hispanic, Anabaptist, African American, Native American, etc.

Polling Question 3

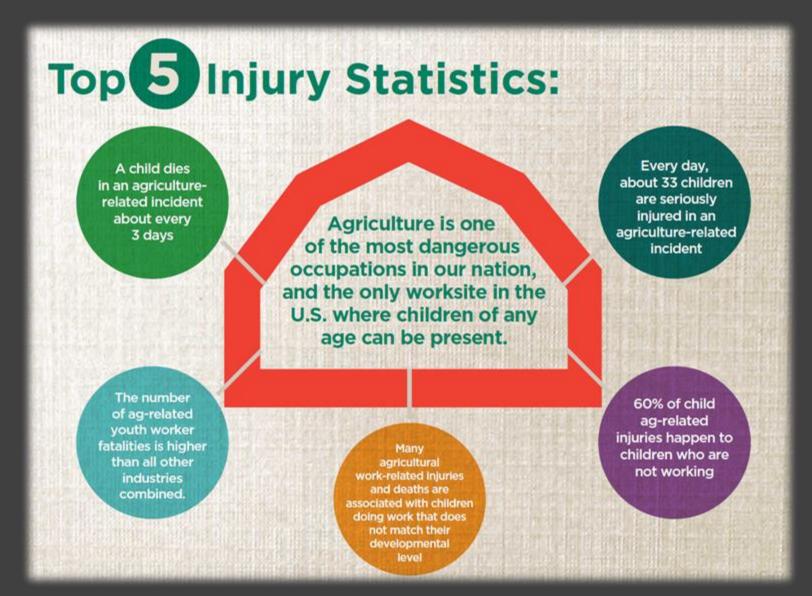


What percentage of children are NOT working when they are injured on a farm?

- 15%
- 35%
- 60%
- 75%
- 95%

Injuries and Fatalities





Data Challenges



No central database that collects injuries and fatalities

- Child Agricultural Injury Surveillance ended in 2015
- Bureau of Labor Statistics (working youth)
- Farming exceptionalism
- Difficulty capturing data for
 - Non-working children/youth
 - Family farms and small operations
 - Special populations (e.g. Anabaptist, Migrant/Immigrant)

Number of injuries and fatalities are underestimates – some studies indicate they could be at least double, if not more.

Impacting Emergency Care in Rural Areas



- Poor cell service (and no land lines on "the back 40")
- Remoteness
 - Long response time for emergency services
 - Longer distance to travel by car
 - No public transportation
 - Specialty services may not be available locally
- Specific location
- Some injuries need immediate attention



What we know so far...

- >46 million people live in rural areas
- Disease, injury and fatality rates are disproportionately high in rural areas
- Health care access is limited
- Emergency care "takes time"
- High percentage of injuries/fatalities are preventable

How do we prevent them?

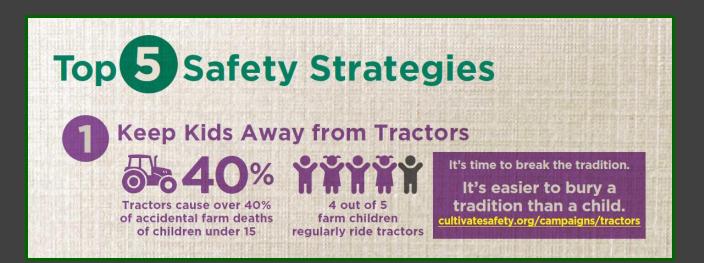
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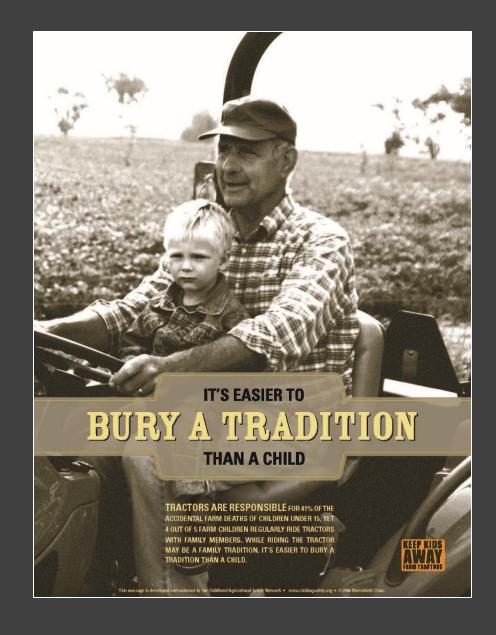
What do you think is the best way to address hazards and risks?

- Avoid them
- Educate about them
- Enforcement (laws/regulations against them)
- Engineer them out





- Free Posters
 - Bury a Tradition
 - Quality Time
 - 75 lb. Child







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Equipment Hazards
- Skid steers

- ATVs - PTOs 0

Supervision

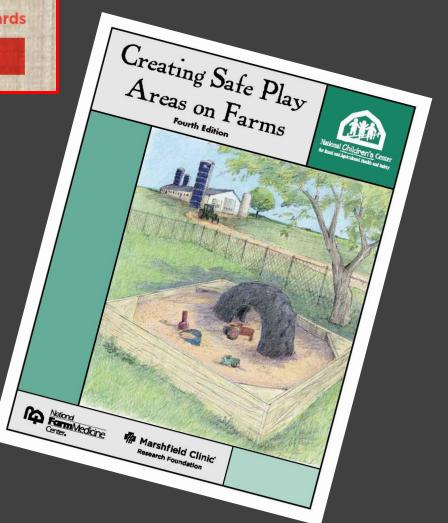
- Working in/around grain

- Animals

- Gates, tires, & environmental hazards

Safety Strategies: Child Care, Safe Play Areas - cultivatesafety.org/play

- Child Care
- Safe Play Areas
 - Fenced
 - Ground Cover
 - Supervision
 - Age-appropriate Equipment
 - Play Ideas







Ensure age and ability appropriate work

Teen characteristics:

- Lack experience
- Impulsive
- Risk taking attitude
- Desire to prove themselves
- Susceptible to peer pressure
- Reluctant to ask questions



Agricultural Youth Work Guidelines

- Multiple Languages
- Modifiable
 - Skin tones
 - **Equipment Colors**
- Multiple Formats
- Topic Specific Booklets
 - Farm Equipment
 - Animals
 - Gardening



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- · Comply with the working outdoors guideline
- Safely demonstrate the job 4 to 5 times



Adult Responsibilities

- · Ensure tractor is mechanically sound and safety features
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- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards Ensure youth does not operate tractor after dark/in bad weather
- · Train youth to call an adult if equipment malfunctions

Note: Ensure tractor is sized appropriately for youth. Youth Operations Chart for guidance

14-15 yrs Intermittent supervision progressing to



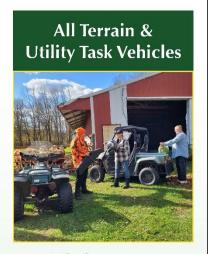
Protective Strategies





ATV/UTV Safety

cultivatesafety.org/campaigns/atvs



Whether you are riding to work or riding to play please ride to live by being safe





Ensure environment is as safe as possible



Eliminate/reduce hazards:

Examples:

- Distractions
- Slippery/uneven surfaces
- Repetitive motion



Provide Personal Protective Equipment:

Examples:

- Non-skid shoes
- Gloves
- Hearing protection



Safe Agritourism

Provides information and access to hundreds of resources to help agritourism operators keep visitors

Visit Site



Farm Mapper

Digitally identify and map hazards through a birds-eye or augmented reality view.

Visit Site



Safer Farm

Provides tools and resources to identify and address farm hazards and risks.

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Operating a Tractor

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Intermittent supervision progressing to

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Hazards

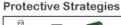














Supervision

Operations Chart for guidance.



Periodic supervision













Supervisor Training

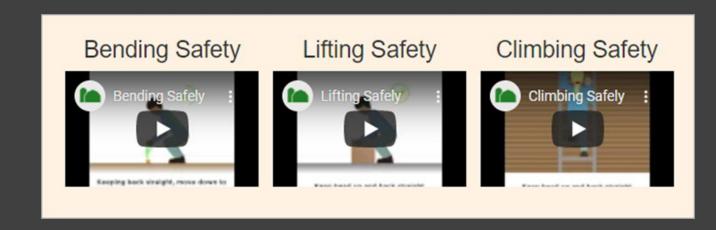
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- English
- Spanish



Safety Videos

- Bending
- Lifting
- Climbing





Awareness & Changing Behavior

- Issues
 - Injuries and fatalities
 - Hazards and risks
 - Services

- Solutions
 - Injury prevention resources
 - Access to services

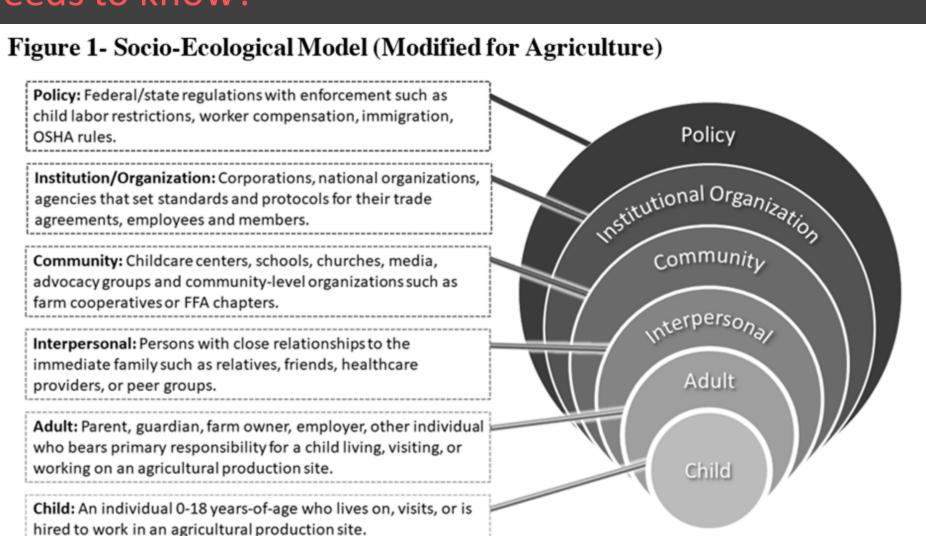
Who needs to know?

How do we "reach" them?

What do we need to consider?



Who needs to know?





IDEA Model

(for translating child agricultural health and safety messages effectively to non-scientific publics)

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Why is this important?

Why should I care?

Model adapted and provided by Dr. Timothy Sellnow (Sellnow DD, Sellnow TL. The IDEA model for effective instructional risk and crisis communication by emergency manager and other key spokespersons. J Emerg Manag. 2019;17(1):67-78. doi: 10.5055/jem.2019.0399)

Polling Question 5



Do you know someone who was injured or died in an agricultural related incident?

- Yes
- No



I (Internalization) – Why should I care?

"Tractors are the No. 1 cause of fatal injuries to children on farms, and yet it's been a tradition for young children to ride as passengers."



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Who am I trying to reach?

How do I reach them?



Consider

- Who are you trying to reach?
- Where do they get their information?
- How do they access it?
 - Internet
 - TV/Radio
 - Hard copy

Communication channels

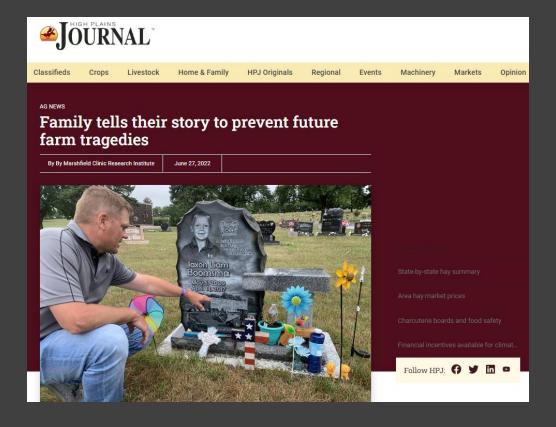
- Traditional Media
- Agricultural Media
- Social Media
- Specialized Media
 - Anabaptist newsletters
 - Hispanic news channels
- Ensure consistent messaging across various media outlets



D (Distribution) – Who am I trying to reach & how do I do it?

Press release sent out to agricultural media to reach farmers

Picked up by "agricultural" channel (High Plains Journal and similar ag trade journals)







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What is the issue?

How do I "translate" this appropriately?



Explain the issue

- What is/has happened or what is the problem?
- What can be done to address the issue?
- Timely information, updated as needed
- Credible source

"Translate" appropriately

- Non-scientific language
- 6th 8th grade reading level
- Appropriate language
- Appropriate graphics
 - Locations/settings
 - People
- Culturally appropriate



E (Explanation) – What is the issue?

"The Boomsma Family lost their 7-year-old Jaxon in a tractor-related incident at a relative's farm. Jaxon was an extra rider. The Boomsmas decided to tell their story to prevent other families from going through similar tragedy."







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Intermittent supervision progressing to

Periodic supervision

Hazards















Protective Strategies









Translate

- Non-scientific terms
- Language
 - English
 - Spanish
- Appropriate graphics
 - Safe photos
 - Skin tones

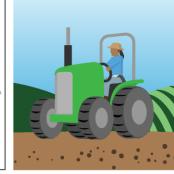


Operación de un tractor

¿Pueden los jóvenes realizar esta tarea de manera segura?

Los jóvenes deben ser capaces de hacer lo siguiente/tener las

- siguientes características para hacer esta tarea de manera segura: Alcanzar y operar controles con el cinturón de seguridad abrochado.
- Fuerza para operar los controles repetidamente.
- Estatura suficiente para tener buen campo visual al estar sentado en
- Comprender y repetir sistemáticamente un proceso de diez pasos.
- Reconocer un peligro, resolver un problema y responder de manera
- Reaccionar rápidamente ante un peligro.
- Madurez suficiente para hacer sistemáticamente lo que se deba hacer.
- Pensar detenidamente sobre las acciones y consecuencias antes de actuar.
- Evitar la ropa suelta o con cordones; si tienen el cabello largo, recogérselo
- Cumplir con lo indicado en la guía de trabajo al aire libre. Mostrar de manera segura cómo se hace la tarea cuatro o cinco veces.
- Mantener una vía de comunicación bidireccional.



Responsabilidades de los adultos

- Asegurarse de que el equipo esté en buen estado mecánico y las medidas de seguridad estén implementadas, incluida la estructura de protección antivuelcos (Automatic Desplegable Roll Over Protection Structure, ROPS).
- Revisar la guía de desarrollo a fin de verificar la habilidad de los jóvenes
- Mostrar cómo conducir un tractor de manera segura.
- Proporcionar la capacitación adecuada
- Enseñar a los jóvenes a subirse al tractor usando tres puntos de contacto. Asegurarse de que el área de trabajo esté libre de peligros en la mayor medida posible.
- Enseñar a los jóvenes a evitar o abordar los peligros que puedan quedar
- Asegurarse de que los jóvenes no operen el tractor después del atardecer
- Capacitar a los jóvenes para que llamen a un adulto en caso de que el

Supervisión

Nota: Asegúrese de que el tractor sea del tamaño adecuado para los jóvenes. Los jóvenes deben tener 16 años o más para conducir un tractor articulado. Consulte el Cuadro de operaciones con tractor para obtener orientación.

Supervisión intermitente v progresiva hasta volverse periódica

16 años o más Supervisión periódica

Peligros













Estrategias de protección





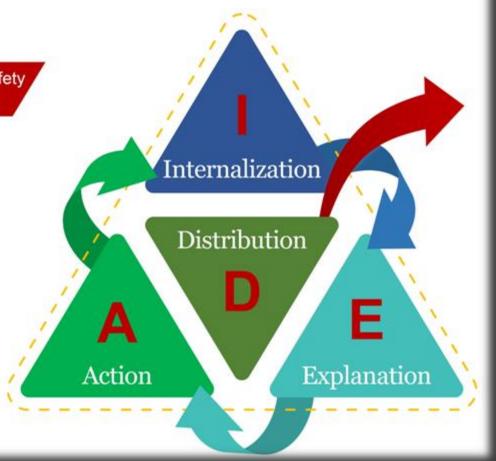






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What do we want them to do?



What should they do/not do?

- Provide steps that are
 - Clear
 - Specific
 - Time-based
 - Actionable
- Remind them of "Why this is important" and "Why should I care."
 - From "Internalization"



A (Action) – What should they do/not do?

"To read Jaxon's story, and to learn more about safety resources and the Boomsma Family's 'Keep His Smile Alive' campaign, go to https://marshfieldresearch.org/nccrahs/storytelling."



Social Media – Be a safety advocate



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How old were your kids when they started working machinery? Note: blades are off...he started riding a two wheeler at 18 months and ice skates better than any adult



My father in law started baking hay in a tractor at 5....but that was 50yrs ago.



My son started at 8 and my daughter at 9

15m Like Reply

Depends on the kid. If they can handle it than let them do it. If they can't than they are to young. The younger they are able to do things with the parents the better they are going to be

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Write a reply...



Jana Davidson

Here are some great guidelines to help you assign age-appropriate tasks - https://www.marshfieldresearch.org...



Marshfield Clinic Research Institute -Agricultural Youth Work Guidelines

marshfieldresearch.org

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Media Guidelines



"DO's and DO NOTs"

www.CultivateSafety.org/Resources

MEDIA GUIDELINES

for AGRICULTURAL SAFETY

SPECIFIC TO CHILDREN/YOUTH

Children and teens are often at greater risk of injury than adults. They typically have less physical strength, shorter reach, and lack the coordination and balance of adults. Cognitively, it takes them mation, they have shorter attention spans, and may lack the impulse control also more likely to do what they see others do ing, rather than what they

This makes it vitally important to depict (visually and textually) children and teens in safe situations. If they're doing farm/ranch work, ensure tasks are age and ability appropriate.

often used as "attention getters," but sometimes "cute" is unsafe, e.g. a cow licking a child's fingers. include a child playing in a ty to an adult animal, or riding an ATV without a



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he agricultural stories we share in traditional and social media can make life safer for farm and ranch families and workers. While not intentional, what we write, say, and the images we show can perpetuate - and even increase unsafe farm practices.

To help minimize unsafe practices the Childhood Agricultural Safety Network has compiled the do's and don'ts provided here as reminders for all of us. Following them can help each of us be confident that we are doing our part for farm safety.

VISUAL MEDIA

DO show tractors and other farm equipment being maintained and operated safely. That includes rollover protection structures (ROPS) on tractors and proper guards in place on power take off units (PTOs) and

DO show children doing age-appropriate chores under supervision.

DO show working individuals wearing proper fitting personal protective equipment, appropriate for the tasks they are performing. When depicting workers with machinery. make sure they are not wearing loose fitting clothing or anything (jewelry, drawstrings, bandana) that could become entangled.

DO be aware of the background. Is it free of clutter? Do buildings and equipment appear to be well-maintained? A clean, well-ordered background conveys an environment of safety and attention to detail.

DO NOT show individuals riding on wagons, in the backs of pickup trucks or as extra riders on tractors or ATVs.

DO NOT show persons climbing to heights without fall protection, stair or

DO NOT show workers leaning over or feeding materials into machines with moving parts or blades

DO NOT show children under 14 driving any motorized farm vehicle.

DO NOT show children riding on adults' laps on ATVs or lawn tractors/

DO NOT show children in proximity to large animals unless appropriate

LIGNES DIRECTRICES POUR LES MÉDIAS

EN MATIÈRE DE SÉCURITÉ

SPÉCIFIQUE AUX EN-FANTS ET AUX IFLINES Les enfants et adolescents

grand risque d'être blessés que les adultes. Ils ont typ iquement moins de force physique, une atteinte plus courte, et n'ont ni la coordination ni l'équilibre des ont besoin de plus de temps pour traiter les infor-mations, ont une capacité d'attention plus courte, et ne maîtrisent pas leurs împulsions au même titre que es adultes. Ils sont aussi plus susceptibles d'imiter ce qu'ils voient les autres faire plutôt que de faire ce qu'on leur dit de faire

Cela souligne l'importance tuellement) les enfants et tions sécuritaires. S'ils font du travail à la ferme ou au ranch, on doit s'assurer que les tâches sont appropriées à leur âge et capacité.

Les photos et vidéos sont comme « attrape-regard ».

« mignon » est dangereux par exemple une vache qui lèche les doigts d'un enfant D'autres exemples à éviter une cellule à graîn, qui est à proximité immédiate d'un animal adulte, ou qui est à bord d'un VTT sans casque

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Afin d'aider à minimiser les pratiques dangereuses, le Childhood Agricultural Safety Network a compilé la liste de choses à faire et à ne pas faire, fournie dans le présent document comme rappels pour nous tous

MÉDIAS VISUELS

À FAIRE Montrer des tracteurs et d'autres appareils agricoles entretenus et opérés en sécu comprend des cadres de protection (ROPS) sur les tracteurs et les bons dispositifs de protection en place sur les prise de force et d'autres pièces mobiles.

À FAIRE Montrer des enfants en train d'effectuer des tâches appropriées pour l'âge, sous supervision.

À FAIRE Montrer des personnes au travail portant l'équipement de protection individuelle bien ajusté et approprié pour les tâches qu'elles exécutent. Quand on montre des travailleurs avec es machines, on doit s'assurer qu'ils ne portent pas de vêtements très amples ou quelque chose (bijoux, cordons de serrage, bandana) qui pourrait s'enchevêtrer

À FAIRE Être conscient de l'arrière-plan. Est-il libre de fouillis? Les bâtiments et l'équipement paraissent-ils bien entretenus? Un arrière-plan propre et bien organisé communique un milieu de sécurité et un souci du détail.

À NE PAS FAIRE Montrer des personnes qui sont montées sur des remorques, à l'arrière d'une camionnette ou passagers d'un tracteur ou d'un

À NE PAS FAIRE Montrer des personnes qui grimpent à des hauteurs sans protection contre les chutes, ou des gardes d'escalier ou de plateforme.

À NE PAS FAIRE Montrer des travailleurs qui se penchent sur des machines avec des pièces ou lames mobiles ou qui y introduisent du maté-

À NE PAS FAIRE Montrer des enfants de moins de 14 ans qui conduisent un

À NE PAS FAIRE Montrer des enfants passagers sur les genoux d'un

PAUTAS PARA LA COMUNICACIÓN

en materia de SEGURIDAD AGRÍCOLA

NIÑOS Y JÓVENES as historias relacionadas con el sector agric Los niños y los adolescentes suelen correr un mayor riesgo de lesionarse que los adultos. comunicación tradicionales y en las redes socia ueden hacer que la vida de las familias y los Por lo general, tienen menos trabajadores de este sector sea más segura. Si resistencia física, un alcance más corto y sus capacidades bien no la bacemos a propósito. Lo que escribir decimos y las imágenes que mostramos pueden de coordinación y equilibrio promover (e incluso aumentar) el ejercicio de no están tan desarrollada actividades agrícolas peligrosas.

como las de los adultos. En términos cognitivos, les Para avudar a disminuir la cantidad de actividades lleva más tiempo procesar peligrosas, la Red de Seguridad Agricola Infantii (Childhood Agricultural Safety Network) elaboró una lista para recordamos a todos lo información, su grado de concentración es menor y no tienen el control de impulsos que se debe hacer y lo que no, la cual presentamos a continuación. Seguir estas pautas puede ayudarnos a sentirnos seguros de que estamos haciendo todo lo posiblo para que tienen los adultos. Además, es probable que imiten lo que otras personas garantizar la seguridad agrícola.

otras piezas móviles están en su lugar.

hacer lo que se les ordend Por todas estas razones, es sumamente importante ver (tanto en imágenes como e material escrito) a niños y adolescentes en situaciones de que las tareas sean adecuadas para su edad v

están haciendo en lugar de

DIRIGIDAS A

Por lo general, las fotos y los videos se usan para llam la atención, pero, a veces, algo que se ve "tierno" no es seguro, como una vaca lamiendo los dedos de un niño. Otros ejemplos que se deben evitar son niños jugando en un silo de granos cerca de un animal adulto o arriba de un vehículo



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IMÁGENES MUESTRE cómo se realiza el mantenimiento de los tractores y la maquinaria agrícola y cómo estos se manejan de forma segura. Por ejemplo, muestre que los tractores tienen las estructuras de protección antivueicos y que los elementos de protección apropiados de las unidades de toma de fuerza y

MUESTRE a piños realizando tareas adecuadas para su edad bajo supervisión

de protección personal adecuado para las actividades que están realizando. Cuando muestre fotos de trabajadores manejando maquinaria, asegúrese de que no lleven ropa holgada o accesorios que se puedan enredar (alhajas, cordones ajustables,

OBSERVE bien el fondo. ¿Está limpio y ordenado? ¿Se nota que las instalaciones la maquinaria están bien cuidadas? Un fondo limpio y ordenado transmite la

imagen de un entorno seguro y una actitud detallista

NO muestre a personas sobre carros, en la parte trasera de camionetas o como

NO muestre a personas subjéndose a estructuras altas sin arneses, escaleras ni plataformas de protección

NO muestre a trabajadores agregando materiales en máguinas con piezas

NO muestre a niños menores de 14 años manejando vehículos agricolas motorizados.

NO muestre a niños sentados sobre el regazo de adultos que están manejando ATV o tractores cortacésped

NO muestre a niños cerca de animales grandes a no ser que se puedan observar

English

French

Spanish

Summary



- >46 million people live in rural areas
- Disease, injury and fatality rates are disproportionately high in rural areas
 - Preventable
- Health care access is limited & emergency care "takes time" to arrive
- Injury/illness prevention
 - Need to raise awareness and educate
 - >Communicate effectively
 - ➤ Why it's important
 - > Communication channels
 - > Explain the issues
 - >Action steps
- Be a Safety Advocate



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