Farm Safety Checklist

Complete a Farm Safety Checklist to identify potential hazards that exist on your farm. Major areas of your farm to review include:

- Farmstead Area
- Farm Shop
- Farm Buildings
- Emergency Preparation

Best Farmstead Safety Practices

- Create play areas for children
- Designate parking areas for farm equipment with good visibility and safe traffic flow
- Remove junk piles that could pose a hazard
- Provide adequate lighting in buildings and outdoor work areas
- Provide a distance of 40 feet between fuel tanks and buildings
- Securely cover or fill in old wells
- Fence and post warning signs around ponds, lagoons and manure pits

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Contact NYCAMH for assistance with a free on-farm survey and trainings for your workers or your family.

Survey and identity information obtained by NYCAMH is protected and confidential.

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- Research into the causes and prevention of agricultural injury and illness
- Education and prevention activities within the farm community
- Education of professionals serving the farm community
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Best Farm Building Safety Practices

- Maintain and support electrical wires in conduit
- Label and store pesticides or farm chemicals in a locked area
- Install lighting protection on buildings
- Maintain fences, stairs and ladders
- Keep floors free of broken concrete and slick or rough spots
- Remove obstructions from doorways, alleyways, fences and gates
- Protect outside ramps, steps and entries from liquids that could freeze
- Label and store flammable material away from heat or electrical sources
- Maintain vents, fans and heaters to ensure proper air exchange
- Provide manure pits with sturdy, well-fitted grates
- Post hazard warning signs on bins, wagons, trucks and silos
- Use lock-out mechanisms when entering bins and silos
- Make sure overhead power lines are away from bins and silos with augers

Best Farm Shop Safety Practices

- Use personal protective equipment for eyes, ears, lungs, feet and hands
- Maintain a clean shop that is free of tripping and fire hazards
- Cover electrical receptacles, switches, and junction boxes
- Make sure electrical outlets, extension cords and plugs are grounded and in good condition
- Keep shop machines and power tools properly shielded
- Maintain ventilation to adequately dissipate fumes and gases
- Properly label and store flammable materials away from heat sources
- Lock shop to prevent unauthorized or unsupervised access

Emergency Preparation

- Maintain a farm emergency response plan and practice it
- Install telephones in each major farm building or carry cell phones
- Post emergency contact numbers and directions to your farm near phones
- Install and maintain first aid kits in each major farm building
- Install fully charged ABC fire extinguishers in each farm building, truck and tractor
- Train workers in first aid & CPR

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