

# SAFETY STATEMENT FOR FOR THE FARM OF

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS OF  
FARM:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**PREPARED ON:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REVISED ON:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Signed by** \_\_\_\_\_

# **Please read the HAS Guidelines on the Preparation of a Safety Statement for a Farm before attempting to complete your Statement**

## **General Statement of Policy**

This Safety statement is our program in writing for managing Health and Safety on our farm. Myself and my wife are fully committed to having a safe and healthy living and working environment for ourselves, our children, and any other people working or visiting our farm.

This statement is aimed at protecting my family or any visitors from accidents or ill health while working on our farm. Farm safety needs the same care and management as any other aspect of farming.

We continuously strive to provide a safe work place for all who work on our farm.

We will provide guards, protective equipment, information, training and supervision necessary to protect those at risk.

Everyone working will obtain a copy and the contents will be explained.

We will update our Safety Statement as necessary, and review at least once a year

**Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment and Control Measures  
Tractors (including ATV's) and other Machinery**

Hazardous activity and associated risk	Control measure
MF 135 Tractor and MF 165 tractor Injure or kill another person Risk of passenger falling out of tractor	Ensure small children are not in the area when the tractor is in use Check the gears and steering annually.
Rotary Mower Changing blades	Ensure the drums have stop spinning before going near the blades
Manure spreader, Injury to operator freeing shoot	Ensure the PTO is powered off.
Chain saw Cutting Timber, Felling trees, risk of tree falling on another person, risk of getting injured by the saw, damage to hearing or eyes.	Always wear goggles and ear protection. Ensure bystanders are not standing in a dangerous position. Ensure the chain brake works before use.
Hay turner Person hit by spines	Ensure any bystanders are not within close proximity of the rotating disks
Using PTO - If uncovered risk of getting entangled (serious injury or death)	Ensure PTO stub is correctly covered with guard
Transport box. This is to be used to transport materials on the farm – not for passengers, as there is a risk of getting seriously injured if someone fell out or got limbs trapped under same. It is important not to overload the box, as there is the risk of the tractor rearing causing injury to the driver.	Never carry passengers in transport box. Never overload the box.
Unblocking machines or moving parts. Risk of getting pulled into machine	All moving parts, i.e. chains, belts and driveshafts are properly guarded. Do not adjust, unblock or work a machine when the tractor engine is running, shut the engine first.

**Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment and Control Measures  
Tractors (including ATV's) and other Machinery (Continued)**

Hazardous activity and associated risk	Control measure

### Animal Husbandry activities

Hazardous activity and associated risk	Control measure
<p>Bulls</p> <p>Entering field where bulls are grazing, at risk of being attacked</p> <p>Entering pen for feeding or bedding at risk of being attacked</p> <p>Ringling bull</p>	<p>Ensure the perimeter fence of all fields that the bull is grazing in is secure</p> <p>No one to enter bull pen unless another person is present. Ensure all bulls over 10 months are ringed</p> <p>Ensure all visitors are aware that there are bulls on the farm</p>
<p>Cows calving</p> <p>Cow attack anyone near their calf</p> <p>Transfer of infection to humans</p>	<p>Keep all children or visitors away from calving cows</p> <p>Wear protective gloves to prevent contamination</p>
<p>Handling animals for castration, dehorning, dosing, examinations, Risk of being injured, hurt or trapped in cattle crush</p>	<p>Ensure the handling facilities are adequate before starting.</p> <p>Ensure a second person is present when handling animals.</p> <p>Ensure all equipment is in good working order.</p>
<p>Using needles and injections – risk of getting stabbed by needle and injecting oneself with animal antibiotic</p>	<p>Keep needles and injectors very clean (sterile). Always wear gloves and keep needles covered.</p>

**Use and Maintenance of Farm Buildings <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> (Working at Heights) <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> slurry storage and emptying/agitation**

Hazardous activity and associated risk	Control measure
Working from a height, repairs/painting, cleaning shoots: Risk of falling	Ensure ladders are in good working order. Place a block at the foot of the ladder to prevent slippage. Keep well clear of clear roof sheets as if you step on them you would fall through and risk serious injury or death.
Agitating/emptying Slatted tank: Risk of falling into tank, or asphyxiation	No one will be in the slatted house when tank is being emptied. Grid over slatted tank will always be kept locked and lock will be checked frequently to ensure no one can gain access.
Emptying slurry pit or effluent tank, risk of falling into tank	Small children not to be allowed into an area where tractors are at work. Slurry pit to be secured to insure no one has access at any time. Tank is enclosed by 6 ft unclimbable fence.
	Ensure manhole cover is always put back after the tank in emptied. Ensure children are not allowed in the vicinity of the tank when the cover is off the manhole.

**Health issues including lifting (manual work)**

Hazardous activity and associated risk	Control measure
Risk of contracting infectious diseases	Wear protective clothing
Lifting heavy items	Always use correct lifting techniques. Never put excessive strain on oneself
Eye damage Using chainsaw or power tools	Know how to use your machine Wear safety goggles Keep machinery well maintained and serviced

**Use and maintenance of Fixed Equipment/Workshop/Tools and Fencing Erection/Repair**

Hazardous activity and associated risk	Control measure
Risk of Electric shock	Get a competent electrician to install and maintain all electrical devices
Barbed wire – risk of cutting oneself	Always wear protective gloves when handling wire, if you get cut was thoroughly with disinfectant and where necessary seek medical advice.
Drill – Broken bits can fly and injury	Always use the correct bit for the job in hand. Wear safety goggles and if injury occurs, seek medical advice.

### General access and Transport

Hazardous activity and associated risk	Control measure
Loading cattle: Risk of animals escaping onto the road	Ensure road gate is always closed when loading cattle
Trees along passageway: Risk of breaking windscreen	Ensure any dangerous branches are cut back

## Electricity

Hazardous activity and associated risk	Control measure
Bad workmanship: Risk of electrocution	All electrical repairs to be carried out by qualified personnel
Any damaged cables: Risk of electrocution	All damaged cables to be repaired immediately by qualified personnel
Low cables, Risk of electrocution	All overhead electric cables are at least 6 metres above ground level. Cables over yards where high machinery is working is insulated.
Switches, sockets and plugs, Risk of shock or electrocution	Don't try to repair damaged fittings, replace them Within the farm buildings all switches, sockets and plugs are damp-proof and of industrial (not domestic) type.
Mains electric fence, Risk of shock or electrocution.	The fencer controller should be properly erected and earthed.



### Children and safety

Hazardous activity and associated risk	Control measure
Many day to day farm activities are a risk to children: Machinery use, hunting animals, working with dangerous substances,	Inform all contractors that there are children on the farm Ensure children are not in the vicinity where there is machinery in operation.  Twice a year I will take some time to walk around the farm to identify new dangers or hazards.

**Other areas of hazardous activities**

Hazardous activity and associated risk	Control measure
Feeding hay Risk of developing “farmers lung”	Always wear a face mask when shaking out hay.
Manually carrying heavy loads or lifting bags of fertiliser/meal Risk of back damage	Never carry a weight that is too heavy. Always use proper lifting technique
Working at night Risk of crashing into something or someone	Ensure the working environment is adequately lit.

**Detail the policy for dealing with Visitors, Recreational Users and Trespassers. Decide on accident and Emergency Procedures, Fire Drill etc**

All visitors to the farm will be made aware of current risks, what activities are currently taking place.

**Accident and Emergency Procedures (Fire Drill);**

Ensure list of important phone numbers are easily accessible.

**Notes:**  
**(include details of training provided and received)**

**Emergency phone numbers**

General	999 or 112
Ambulance	
Priest	353711
Guards	212400
Regional hospital	301111
	482129 (A&E)
Local Doctor	353311
ESB	1850 372 999