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TURN OVER FOR
SAFE DRIVER
& SAFE
VEHICLE
TIPS.

MOVING VEHICLES ARE THE MOST COMMON CAUSE OF DEATH ON BRITISH FARMS.

We want to make 2024 a safer year on British farms by working together to prevent deaths and injuries.

Whether you're new to farming or just want to refresh your memory, following our safe driver and safe vehicle tips will help keep you and everyone on the farm safe.



For further details on how to keep everyone on the farm safe, visit: workright.campaign.gov.uk/agriculture



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SAFE DRIVER

✓ Training

Farming vehicles and machines are complex. Training is vital to help keep everyone safe. Before using any vehicle on a farm, it's important you have been trained to use that specific vehicle safely.

TOP TIP: Keep a record of what vehicle you've been trained on and when, to help keep everyone safe.

✓ Safe stop

To prevent being crushed, or caught in moving parts, follow the safe stop routine before you get out or off a vehicle:

- Handbrake on
- Gears in neutral
- Engine switched off
- Key removed

✓ Visibility

Whatever vehicle you are using, the key to being a safe driver is visibility. Ensure mirrors and windows are clean, keep other people away and when manoeuvring take a moment to check your blindspots.



SAFE VEHICLE

✓ Correct vehicle for the job

Planning the job properly can ensure it's the correct vehicle to undertake the job safely, and that it has all safety devices such as guards in place and working correctly.

✓ Maintenance

Basic vehicle checks should be done every time a vehicle is used, with any faults repaired before use by someone with the skills and expertise to complete them safely. Ensure all power is off and moving parts have been stopped from moving.

Around half of deaths involving moving vehicles on British farms could have been prevented with these actions:

- Regularly checking and maintaining brakes
- Wearing a seatbelt where fitted
- Ensuring doors are attached securely and remain closed when moving
- Checking mirrors are secure and clean

Before working underneath any vehicles or machinery, take time to check the jacks and axle stands are correctly positioned, and if using hydraulically-raised equipment such as trailers, that props or scotches are used in case of hydraulic failure, or creep.



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