

## Tips for "Vicki's Visit" Simulation Exercise

### Content

This exercise is a story about a six-year-old girl who visits the farm of her aunt and uncle. The story explores some of the safety hazards that may result in injuries to children on a farm. The information is taken from real-life incidents.

### Objectives

This exercise can help farm family members and other people become more aware of:

- Why young children should be supervised at all times when they are in or near work areas on farms
- The hazards for children playing or working on farms
- The severe consequences that can result when a child is injured on a farm

### Intended Audience

- Adults and children who live on farms, who have child visitors on their farms, and adults and children who don't live on, but who visit, farms
- 4-H youth, FFA, and vocational agriculture students
- Farm community groups who provide educational, financial, business, social, spiritual, and health services and advice to farmers and their family members

### How to Use These Materials

- Review the exercise problem booklet, answer the questions, and look at the answer key.
- Decide if the exercise is useful to you or others with whom you work.
- Use the material in any of these ways
  - ⇒ As an activity for a meeting or class. The "Vicki's Visit" exercise is a story with a plot, characters, and predicaments. Once they begin the story, people want to complete it. Therefore:
    - ✓ Administer the exercise in one 20-minute session. Allow another 15 to 20 minutes for discussion. Ask people to work together in groups of 3 to 5. Give each person his or her own problem booklet and answer sheet.
    - ✓ As each small group finishes, give them an answer key. Make sure everyone has a chance to compare his or her answers to those in the answer key. The key tells more about the story and the situation and also contains other factual information.
    - ✓ Make sure everyone has a chance to discuss the Vicki's Visit story and the newspaper articles included at the end of the answer key.
  - ⇒ As an individual activity given to a person to complete when convenient.

⇒ For school or community projects about tractor and farm safety. (Ask students or adults to do the exercise and then discuss it with other people, or to make a short presentation or display about children and farm safety. The drawing and the articles included in the booklet can be used for a display or presentation.)

### **Materials Needed**

- "Vicki's Visit" problem booklet (Duplicate one copy for each participant.)
- "Vicki's Visit" answer sheet and questionnaire (Duplicate one copy for each participant.)
- Answer key for "Vicki's Visit" exercise (Duplicate one copy for each participant or for each small group.)

### **Discussion Questions**

1. How risky do you think it is to have children unsupervised on a farm?
2. What are the consequences when a child is seriously injured or killed? What usually happens to the family?
3. What can be done to protect children on a farm?
4. Who can and should do something to prevent injury to children on a farm?
5. What steps can you take to prevent injuries to children on a farm?

### **Ideas, Notes, and Comments**

Use this space to write down your ideas and plans for using these materials.