



Farm Safety Association

## How does safety rate on your farm?

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With funds provided by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, the Farm Safety Association has developed this safety checklist to help you create a safe and healthy working environment for you and your family. Please feel free to copy or duplicate the list and give it to others in your area.

Each year in Ontario, farm family members die or are injured in tragic accidents. **Accidents** can result in injury, death, or property damage, and are often caused by unsafe acts or conditions, faulty equipment, or human error.

An **INSPECTION** of your workplace will help prevent injuries by identifying hazards, recording them, and taking corrective action. You *must* be committed to correcting the hazards in some manner if you are to succeed in reducing accident potential.

### Aspects of a workplace inspection

Your inspection should not be taken lightly. You may need several family members or an outside set of eyes to see some hazards that you may pass every day. No work area can be 100% free of hazards. Include the questions "WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, and HOW" for each area examined.

### When to inspect

Many locations on a farm can be inspected year 'round . The home, buildings and other structures are examples of this. Machinery and equipment can best be inspected when gearing up for work in early spring, or in operation. Static inspection examines the machine itself (shields and guards, decals, wear and tear on parts), while an inspection during equipment operation looks at unsafe acts of the operator or hazards in the field.

### How to complete the inspection

As you go through the various sections of the following inspection checklist, answer the questions or statements by checking *Yes* or *No*. If you have answered *Yes*, no action is required. If you have answered *No*, then a hazard exists requiring corrective action. You should then determine a priority level for the hazard to indicate the urgency of the corrective action:

**A - Major -**

**Life-threatening or serious  
injury potential**

**B - Serious -**

**Injury or property damage -  
correct in the short term**

**C - Minor -**

**Long term action can correct  
the problem**

Indicate a realistic target date to correct the hazard on the sheets. When a hazard has been corrected, check it off in the last column.

<b>CHECKLIST</b>	YES	NO	TARGET DATE	HAZARD CORRECTED (✓)
<b>Home Safety</b>				
• Are smoke detectors installed in appropriate locations and operating properly? They should be tested periodically. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you keep extra fuses on hand? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do small rugs have non-skid backings? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you have a proper step stool or ladder for in-home use? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are there covers on electrical outlets where children play? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are all firearms safely stored and locked up according to new regulations? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you post emergency numbers at all telephones? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Stairways</b>				
• Are stairways clear of all hazards (shoes, toys, etc.)? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are there full length handrails, in good repair? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Can stairways be well lighted? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are treads, risers, and carpeting in good condition? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are spills and wet surfaces cleaned up immediately? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Bathrooms</b>				
• Do you use non-skid mats/surfaces in bath tubs to prevent falls? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you have a proper medicine cabinet? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are old medicines disposed of upon expiry? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you keep electrical appliances away from sinks, tubs etc.? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you have a night light to prevent tripping? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is a ground fault circuit interrupter installed (GFCI) for bathroom circuits? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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<b>Kitchen</b>				
• Do you clean the stove's exhaust hood and duct frequently? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are cleaners, disinfectants, poisons, etc., secured out of reach of children and away from foods? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Do you always use a step stool for climbing? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are utensils and knives neatly stored? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are handles of pots and pans always turned away from stove fronts? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are cracked, chipped dishes and glassware disposed of immediately? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are spills wiped up immediately? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are cupboard contents kept orderly to prevent falling objects? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Is a fully charged fire extinguisher available? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are matches and lighters kept away from access by children? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
<b>Entrances</b>				
• Is there adequate lighting at entrances? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are tripping hazards cleaned up? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are steps well maintained? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
<b>Livingrooms/Bedrooms</b>				
• Is furniture arranged to avoid bumping knees and shins? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are electrical cords kept away from carpets? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are fireplace screens used effectively? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are throw rugs avoided to prevent tripping hazards? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Is furniture kept away from windows to prevent children from falling out? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are screens and windows secured to prevent children from falling? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Have plans been made for a fire escape route from bedrooms? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are lamps located near beds to prevent tripping in the dark? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Do you keep a flashlight handy for power outages? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
<b>Basement</b>				
• Have gas and waterlines been tagged for easy identification? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are fuse box circuits marked properly? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Do you avoid storing or using any flammable liquids in the basement? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Do you have your furnace and water heater checked for safe operation? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are light switches properly located to prevent stumbling in the dark? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are all chimneys checked for obstructions? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

## Building Safety

• Are buildings free of litter and debris? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are walkways, aisles and traffic areas clear of any obstructions? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Is there adequate lighting in work and travel areas? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are stairs in good condition and equipped with handrails? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are stairs kept clear of obstacles on steps and landings? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are permanent ladders in good condition and inspected regularly? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Have defects in concrete floors been repaired? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Have broken, damaged, or rotten floorboards been repaired? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are low ceilings, beams, etc., marked clearly with signs or fluorescent materials to prevent bumping into them? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are stored materials properly stacked to prevent them from falling? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are protrusions such as nails removed from walls, railings, etc., to prevent contact? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are nails removed from used lumber before stacking? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Do you wipe up spills immediately? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Is there ample walking space between stored machines? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are keys removed from stored machines? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Do large doors open smoothly? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are floor openings protected to prevent individuals falling through them? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Do you keep your tractor and other fuel burning equipment in an outbuilding separate from the barn or other buildings? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Do you avoid storing flammable liquids in barns or other structures? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

## Fire Prevention

• In hazardous areas, are NO SMOKING signs placed in prominent locations? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are light bulbs and heat lamps protected with wire guards? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are roofs checked for leaks where hay or straw are stored (excessive wetting of hay or straw could lead to spontaneous combustion)? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
• Are lightning rods checked for proper installation and grounding? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

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• Are fire department numbers and farm location prominently displayed by all phones? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are appropriate fire extinguishers located strategically for easy access in case of fire? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are fire extinguishers inspected regularly? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do livestock buildings have at least two exits for animals? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are doors and gate latches easy to open? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are faulty wiring and electrical equipment repaired or replaced immediately? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Does your family periodically review how to operate fire extinguishers and discuss emergency plans? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you regularly dispose of rubbish and other combustibles? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are flammable liquids properly stored away from any ignition sources? ...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you take care not to damage concealed electrical wiring when drilling holes or driving nails into walls? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are matches and lighters stored safely and out of reach of children? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is there a cistern or pond that can be quickly and easily accessed in all kinds of weather? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are chimneys and heater pipes clean and in good condition? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you obtain an outdoor burning permit where required? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### Electrical Safety

• Have you discussed the various types of insulation in buildings with your insurance company? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are power lines, poles and other electrical hardware coming into the farm in a good state of repair? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Have trees been trimmed well away from conductors in case of storms? ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Have you had overhead lines relocated underground to avoid contact with high vehicles in the farm yard? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do all outlets have three-pronged receptacles to provide proper grounding of electrical tools and appliances? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are there sufficient outlets to eliminate the continued use of extension cords? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are bare light bulbs protected from being hit by objects and machines, or splashed with liquid? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are outside outlets weatherproof and installed with ground fault circuit interrupters? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is your TV antenna located far enough from wires in case it falls during a storm? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you have warning systems to indicate that vital equipment has failed? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do livestock ever act wary or refuse to drink? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you unplug tools and equipment that are not being used? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do your tools and appliances carry a CSA certification? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are checks always made for underground wiring before digging? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is the correct sized fuse always used in circuits? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are fuses marked P or D used in circuits where furnaces, dryers, ranges, air conditioners, etc., are connected? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are fuses and switches all labelled properly so as to prevent confusion in an emergency? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### Workshop

• Are all electrical outlets in the shop properly grounded with ground fault circuit interrupters? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are floors kept dry at all times? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is personal protective equipment available: i.e., goggles, face shields, hard hats? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is a stocked first-aid kit available? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are work areas debris-free and uncluttered? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is there adequate lighting to prevent working in shadows? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are suitable receptacles available for oily rags, used oil, etc.? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are there at least two exits available? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is adequate, well-organized storage available for tools and equipment? ...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are extension cords used only for temporary work? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are portable lights properly shielded to prevent breakage? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are portable tools unplugged when not in use? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are benches tidy and drawers kept shut? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		



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### Fields, Woodlots, Lanes, Drives and Yards

• Do you leave a sufficient turning area for machinery along ditches and embankments? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are washouts repaired and filled so vehicles won't get stuck? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you trim low tree branches that could hit equipment? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you stop machinery before crossing railway lines on your farm? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• If underground utilities (e.g., gas lines, power lines, etc.) cross your farm, are they well marked? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you keep your drive/lane in good condition, free of ruts and bumps or stones? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are all gates (yard and field) wide enough for machinery and trucks to enter and exit easily? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are workers made aware of overhead powerlines when moving tall equipment, ladders, etc.? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are laneways marked before winter snows to indicate ditches, etc., for snow removal? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are all obstacles that can be snow covered removed from yard and work areas before winter? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is equipment kept off of steep slopes where stability can be uncertain? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are sidewalks and walkways in good repair? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are lawn and garden tools put away after use? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is the yard clear of rubbish, dead vegetation, waste, mislaid tools, etc.? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is there protection from the danger of uncovered water tanks, wells, cisterns, etc.? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you inspect trees after storms and in spring for broken limbs that could come down? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you have an assigned play area for children (i.e., a fenced area)? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you kill or remove hazardous plants such as poison ivy? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you check for nests of stinging insects, and take appropriate action for their removal? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are clotheslines high enough for pedestrians to walk under? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### Farm Tractor Safety

• Do you read the operator's manual for your farm tractor, and follow the operating, maintenance and safety recommendations found therein? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Before operating, do you walk around the tractor making a visual check for bystanders and other objects? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is the tractor equipped with a rollover protective structure (ROPS) and seatbelts? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you always wear seatbelts with ROPS? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you enforce the rule "NO RIDERS ON THE TRACTOR AT ANY TIME"? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is there an SMV (slow moving vehicle) sign on the rear of the tractor or towed equipment for roadway travel? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is the SMV sign clean, with good reflective qualities? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you lock brake pedals together before roadway travel? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• When towing equipment, do you use safety hitch pins and chains? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is there a first-aid kit mounted on the tractor? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is a fire extinguisher located on the tractor? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• When operating a tractor in buildings, do you open doors and windows or start ventilation fans? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are steps free of mud, tools or debris that could cause slips? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are keys removed from the tractor when not in use, to prevent theft or unauthorized people from using the equipment? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you always steer clear of hazards such as ditches, steep hills and other areas where tractors can tip? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• When using front-end loaders, do you travel with the bucket low to avoid tipping sideways? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Have all tractor operators on your farm received training on their equipment and reviewed the operator's manual? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do your tractor operators always do a pre-operational check which includes a walk around the equipment to check lights, visibility, tires, brakes, etc. ....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is mounted equipment always lowered before the operator leaves the tractor? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are towed loads always hitched to the drawbar, and never higher? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• When towing high loads, are clearances from overhead powerlines always checked? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is the exhaust system on each tractor in good condition and leak-free? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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• If the tractor does not have a sound proof cab, does the operator always wear hearing protection? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are brakes adjusted regularly? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### PTO Driven Equipment

• Do all PTO's have shields and guards in place? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is there a master shield in place where your PTO meets the tractor? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are shields on PTO's checked periodically to ensure that they rotate freely? (check only with power off) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Before leaving the tractor seat, is the PTO always disengaged, engine shut off and keys removed? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• When working with PTO driven equipment, is clothing close-fitting, long hair covered, and no laces, etc., exposed? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you always avoid stepping over a PTO shaft? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are worn or defective parts replaced as soon as possible? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### General Farm Machinery

• Are key warning decals on machines readable? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are all shields and guards in place? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are all machines free of jagged metal or protrusions that could injure workers? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are hydraulic lines free of excessive wear or leaks? (Do not check hydraulic hoses for leaks with your hands, as fluid under pressure can be injected into human tissue. Use cardboard or wood to detect leaks.) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are defective and worn parts replaced as soon as possible on all machinery? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are tires inspected regularly and properly inflated? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are children and bystanders kept away from operating machinery? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is the power turned off before adjusting or servicing machinery? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are farm equipment manuals readily available to the operator? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is any equipment that is likely to be towed on roadways equipped with a slow moving vehicle sign, safety chains and safety hitch pin? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are SMV signs in good condition (clean and not faded)? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are moveable components properly blocked before repair or adjustments? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you always observe the "NO RIDERS" rule on machines or drawbars? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are brakes adjusted regularly? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### Pesticides Storage

<p><i>Regulation 751 of the Pesticide Act requires the following conditions to be met in order to insure proper storage of pesticides.</i></p> <p><i>How many of these conditions does your storage meet?</i></p>				
• Is your pesticide storage area used exclusively for the storage of pesticides? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is this storage area kept neat and orderly? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is the storage area vented to the outside? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is the storage area secure? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Have you posted a chemical warning sign on all entrances to the storage area? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you have adequate safety equipment (respirator, rubber gloves, boots, etc.)? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Have you posted emergency phone numbers (i.e., fire, police, M.O.E.)? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is the storage area free of floor drains? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• When storing chemicals out-of-doors, do you keep them in a secure area? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• When chemicals are being stored in a vehicle, are they inaccessible to the public? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Does your storage vehicle have a chemical warning sign prominently displayed? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<p>If you have answered Yes to all questions, your storage is in compliance with all provincial regulations.</p> <p>• <b>Note: Chemical warning signs can be obtained at no charge from your local Ministry of Environment office.</b></p>				



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### Animal Handling Facilities

• Are steps and walkways roughened in facilities to prevent slips and falls? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are walkways and aisles kept free of debris, manure, feed, etc? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are outside ramps, steps and entrance ways protected from rain or spilled liquids that could freeze? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are animal drugs and barn chemicals kept in a secure area in original containers? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are pens, gates and fences in good condition, without protrusions? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are ventilation fans and vents operative and in good condition? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are heaters kept away from combustible materials? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you use special care in handling animals with new-born young? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you make animals aware of your approach so as not to frighten them? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Did you have cattle dehorned? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you forbid anyone to excite, tease or abuse animals? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are icy areas in feedlots sanded? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you wear protective footwear and head protection when handling animals? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you leave yourself an "out" when working in close quarters with animals? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are pets and animals immunized as required? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### Ladder Safety

• Are ladders inspected before each use, and replaced or repaired immediately if found faulty? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are wooden ladders coated with clear preservatives so that faults or cracks are visible? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are metal ladders free of weld cracks, missing rivets, etc? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are ropes on extension ladders in good condition? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are the feet of the ladder in good condition? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you face the ladder when climbing up or down, or when working from the ladder? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are areas around the top and bottom of the ladder clear of obstruction or debris? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are straight ladders placed at a four to one angle (the base set one foot out for every four feet up)? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are metal ladders avoided where electrical contact is possible from overhead wires? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• When using a ladder, does it extend at least three feet above the landing level? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Have you replaced any missing or damaged rungs on the ladder? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are two people involved when moving or erecting long ladders? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you store ladders where they cannot be damaged? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you always put a ladder on firm footing or compacted soil? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is work with ladders avoided in windy or stormy conditions? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• When working from a ladder, do you always keep the trunk of your body centered within the ladder rails? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### Safe Lifting and Materials Handling

• Has everyone on your farm received instruction on safe lifting techniques? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is the "bend your knees" rule always followed? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is appropriate protective equipment worn when lifting and handling materials (steel-toed boots, gloves)? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are two people or mechanical means used to move heavy loads? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you check for a clear pathway before lifting and moving objects? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### First Aid / Emergency Action

• Do you maintain first-aid kits in the following locations:				
Home? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Workshop? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Tractors? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Vehicles? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are first-aid kits periodically checked and replenished? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

	YES	NO	TARGET DATE	HAZARD CORRECTED (✓)
• Has anyone on your farm received first-aid training in the last three years? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Has anyone on your farm received training in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you have a good first-aid manual for reference? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do all family members know how to shut off all machinery if someone is caught-up or pinned down? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you act on issued weather warnings? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are you prepared for blizzards, floods, lightning, tornadoes, etc., should they strike? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you know what to do for accidental poisonings? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are emergency phone numbers posted by all phones along with farm locations (i.e., lot and concession)? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### Special Structures: Silos, Grain Bins, etc.

• Are entrances to silos and grain bins secured against entry by children? ...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are fixed ladders sound and in good condition? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are there safety cages around ladders on silos? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are warning signs posted to warn of silo gas or oxygen deficiency? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you use appropriate self-contained breathing equipment when entering a silo where gas may be present, or where an oxygen deficiency may exist? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are workers made aware of hazards of flowing grain entrapment and crusted grains? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Can power be locked out so that unloading mechanisms cannot start by accident? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are all shields and guards in place on unloading mechanisms? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you always avoid entering a manure pit for any reason? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are dust respirators used when handling mouldy hay and grains, or when grain dust is present? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is your silo free of cracks and structural problems, corrosion, etc? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### Transport Vehicles: Trucks, etc.

• Are keys removed from motorized equipment to prevent starting by children? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• When entering the public roadway from the farm drive, is there clear vision in both directions? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you check your vehicle before going on public highways (i.e., tires, lighting, visibility, security of load, etc.? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you always wear seatbelts on the roadways? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Are hoist-equipped trucks stored with boxes down when not in use? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### Lawn Mower Hazards

• Does the person who uses the lawn mower always wear heavy shoes? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Does the person who mows the lawn always pick up trash etc., first? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Does the lawn mower have safety shields? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is a grass catcher used to help prevent objects from being "thrown" by the rotary mower? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you always turn the lawn mower off (or disengage the blade) before crossing gravel drives or walkways? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you always refill the lawn mower and other gas tanks outdoors? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Is extra gasoline stored in a safety gas can? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you always disconnect the spark plug wire before tipping the lawn mower up to do any servicing under the mower deck? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you keep good mufflers on all gasoline powered lawn mowers, leaf mulchers, or snow throwers? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you insist that everyone leave the area of lawn you are mowing? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you work across the slope with a hand lawn mower? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you mow up and down the slope with a riding mower? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you always look behind you before backing up a riding mower? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you make it a practice to never pull a hand mower toward yourself? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Do you always wear hearing protection when operating power lawn equipment? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		



# Danger signs available

To help you post warnings (and to correct potential hazards found during your farm inspection), the Farm Safety Association offers the following signs and decals. Please check the items you require, and mail (or fax) completed forms to the Association.

## Warning Signs

- No Smoking
- Keep Aisles and Passageways Clear
- Danger: Deadly Gases  
(Silo and Manure Gases)
- Caution — Go Slowly

## Decals

- Flowing Grain Hazard
- Think! (Machinery Hazard)
- No Riders
- Machinery Shut-Off
- Please Be Careful
- Pesticide Storage
- P.T.O. Hazard Decal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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