

Feeding milk to calves

Adult responsibilities

ADULTS NEED TO MAKE SURE:

- Ventilation system is working before the child enters a closed building
- Work area has no hazards
- A barrier stands between the animal and the child
- Hot water heater is set lower than 120 degrees Fahrenheit or 50 degrees Celsius

Can your child do this job?

ABILITY

Is the child comfortable around calves?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who are uncomfortable around animals are more likely to be injured.

Does the container of milk the child will lift weigh less than 10-15% of the child's body weight?

- Yes.
- No. **!** CAUTION! An adult should lift the bucket or bottle.

Does the child have to carry the filled container less than 10-15 yards?

- Yes.
- No. **!** CAUTION! An adult should carry the filled containers to the feeding site.

Does the child have at least a 15-20 minute attention span? For example, can the child play a board game for 20 minutes?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children working beyond their attention span are easily distracted and more likely to be injured.

Does the child have good eye-hand coordination?

- a. Can he or she catch a basketball?
- b. Can he or she pour milk into a cereal bowl?

- Yes.
- No. **!** CAUTION! An adult should fill the bottles and put them in the holders.



Can the child understand and repeat from memory a 5-step procedure?

- Yes.
- No. **!** CAUTION! Children who can't remember the steps to a job should be watched constantly.

TRAINING

Has the child been trained on lifting techniques?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Lifting incorrectly can cause back injury.

Has an adult demonstrated feeding milk to calves on site?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children learn best when shown how to do the job at the work site.

Has the child shown he or she can do the job safely 4 to 5 times under close supervision?

- Yes.
- No. **!** CAUTION! An adult must watch constantly until the child shows he or she can do the job.

SUPERVISION

Can an adult supervise as recommended?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! The right level of supervision is key to preventing injuries.

Main Hazards



Slippery/uneven surface can lead to slips, trips and falls



Weight of milk can strain muscles

Remember



Non-skid shoes



Good handwashing

Supervision

What's the right amount? Here are suggestions—but remember, it depends on the child.

Age 10-11:

WATCH constantly at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **CHECK** every few minutes.

Age 12-13:

CHECK every few minutes at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **LEAVE** for 15 to 30 minutes.