

# Leading/grooming animals

beef or dairy

## Adult responsibilities

### ADULTS NEED TO MAKE SURE:

- Work area has no hazards
- Child knows an escape route
- Animals have no disease



## Can your child do this job?

### ABILITY

Is the child comfortable around animals?

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

Is the child strong enough to control a dairy or beef animal?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who can't control an animal are more likely to be injured.

Does the child have good peripheral vision? For example, while looking straight ahead, can the child see your finger entering his or her field of vision at shoulder level?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children with limited vision may not see dangers in the work area.

Can the child react quickly?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Because animals behave unpredictably, children need quick reactions to avoid injury.

### TRAINING

Has the child been trained on animal behavior?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who don't understand animal behavior are more likely to be injured.

Has an adult demonstrated leading and grooming animals 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 surface can lead to slips and falls



Animal kicks, step-ons and head butts can cause injury

## Remember



Good handwashing



Steel-toed shoes with non-skid soles



Leather gloves

## Supervision

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

**Age 12-13:**  
**WATCH** during the whole job.

**Age 14-15:**  
**WATCH** nearly constantly at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **CHECK** every few minutes.

**Age 16+:**  
**CHECK** every few minutes at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **LEAVE** for 15 to 30 minutes.