Main

Hazards

Working up high

can lead to falls

Weight of grain bin

refuse can

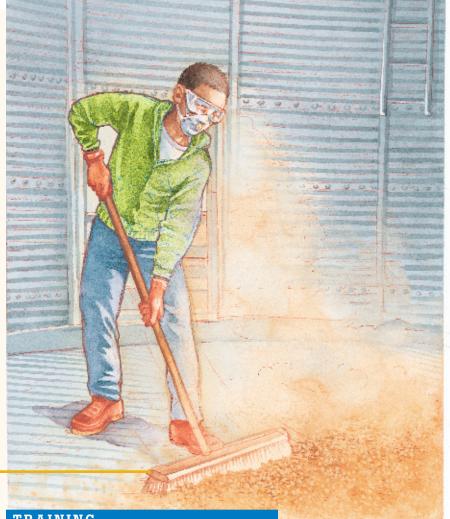
strain muscles

# Cleaning grain bins

### **Adult responsibilities**

#### ADULTS NEED TO MAKE SURE:

- Auxiliary equipment is locked out or tagged out
- Bin is aerated before child enters to clean
- Climbing structure is stable and safe
- Child has been fitted for a respirator and shown how to use it
- Child changes outer clothing and washes hands after job



### Can your child do this job?

#### ABILITY

Can the child climb safely?

(See "Climbing")

 $\square$  Yes.

☐ No. STOP! Children must be able to climb correctly to do this job safely.

Does the filled container the child will remove from the grain bin weigh less than 10-15% of his or her body weight?

 $\square$  Yes.

☐ No. STOP! Children lifting more than 15% of their body weight are more likely to injure their backs.

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

 $\square$  Yes.

☐ No. **1** CAUTION! An adult should keep the collection point close by or carry the filled container to the collection point.

Are the cleaning tools the right size for the child?

☐ Yes.

 $\square$  No. STOP! The wrong size tools can cause injury.

#### TRAINING

Has the child been trained on lifting techniques?

 $\square$  Yes.

☐ No. STOP! Lifting incorrectly can cause back injury.

Has an adult demonstrated cleaning grain bins on site?

 $\square$  Yes.

☐ No. 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?

 $\square$  Yes.



constantly until the child shows he or she can do the job.

#### SUPERVISION

Can an adult supervise as recommended?

 $\square$  Yes.

☐ No. STOP! The right level of supervision is key to preventing injuries.

## Remember



Non-skid shoes





Eye protection

### Supervision

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

Age 14-15: NO climbing. **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.

Climbing the ladder:

Age 16+:

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

