



Play It Safe: A Safety Exercise For the Whole Family¹

University of Vermont Extension System Farm Safety Program

Dear Mom and Dad,

Please help me answer the following questions about farm and home safety. I know you want me to be safe and I want you to teach me how.

☛ Are children kept off equipment? Yes No

Do we follow the **NO SEAT NO RIDER** rule when using farm tractors, riding lawn mowers, home and garden tractors and ATV's? Yes No

Why is it dangerous to have extra riders on equipment? _____

What would happen if the extra rider were bumped or knocked off the equipment? _____

Could you stop in time if I fell off? Yes No

☛ Are small children kept away from work areas? Yes No

Are they made aware of dangers around the home/farm, like machinery and chemicals? Yes No

When starting farm machinery, and especially when backing up, does the operator know where all the children are?
Yes No

☛ Many children are hurt because they are asked to do dangerous jobs they are not physically or mentally mature enough to handle.

Are children given jobs that are appropriate for their age? Yes No

Have all of our equipment operators had good training? Yes No

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☛ Are shields and guards in place on all equipment? Yes No

Are machine operators careful to avoid wearing loose fitting clothing or long dangling hair around the moving parts of equipment? Yes No

What could happen if shields and guards were left off so people could see the moving parts of equipment? _____

☛ Are dangerous chemicals and cleaners around the house and farm kept locked up and stored in their original containers? Yes No

Why are some farm and home chemicals dangerous? _____

☛ Does everyone in our family know what to do in an emergency? Yes No

Are emergency numbers like the fire department, rescue squad, police and poison control center listed near the phone along with directions to our home? Yes No

Why is this important? _____

☛ What could happen if I played on or around big tractor tires leaning up against a barn or tree? _____

Do we have big tires that we need to lay on the ground? Yes No

☛ What can we do as a family to make our home or farm safer? _____

☛ If there are some dangers on our farm or around our house that I forgot to ask about, will you promise to tell me about them so I can be safe? _____

I pledge to do everything reasonable to promote and practice safety in our home or on our farm.

Child's Signature _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

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