



Safety in Schools Week

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FARMSAFE WA ALLIANCE Activity

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Activity Title **Family Farm Safety – SPOT ‘the hazard’**

Curriculum Framework Activity Outcomes

Learning Area	Learning Outcome	Specific Learning
Health and Physical Education	Knowledge and Understandings	Personal safety, protective behaviours and injury prevention.
	Attitudes and Values	Knowledge of hazards, risks and safety measures.
	Self Management Skills	Exhibit safe practices on the farm. Decision making – injury prevention and personal protective behaviours.
Technology and Enterprise	Technology Process	Investigates key features of the issue of farm machinery, generates ideas and evaluates actions with a view to modification and improvement of safe ways to use the machinery.
	Speaking	Students speak about farm safety, possible consequences and dangers and consider solutions on how to improve safety.
Society and Environment	Investigation, Communication and Participation	Students investigate the ways people interact with each other and with their farm environments in order to make informed decisions about dangers on farms and encourage parents to implement relevant action to prevent accidents on farms.

Phases of development

Early childhood (years two-three)

Activity resources required

Set of Family farm safety activity sheets - designed to be used over two lessons. Use activity sheets 1, 2 and 3 first, in conjunction with the brochure for parents. Teachers may then choose any of the other activity sheets to complement and reinforce the farm safety message.

Procedure

- 1) With teacher direction, the children discuss some of the characteristics of hazards found on farms, considering associated risks. See teacher's notes pages 9, 11 and 15 and the parent brochure for relevant hazard information. Hand out the parent brochure to students at the beginning of the lesson.
- 2) With teacher assistance, children work in groups to complete the first column of the "Spot the hazard" worksheets. Children take home the brochure for parents and the activity sheets and ask their parents to help them complete the next two columns.
It is intended that as well as raising student awareness of these farm hazards, their parents are involved and made aware of these hazards by reading the brochure containing the notes to parents and helping the children complete the activity sheets at home.
- 3) Children report back to class.

Community Links

How could the school involve the local community in Safety in Schools Week?

Ask a member of the farming community to speak on:

* 'Safe Play Areas for children on farms' and/or other safety issues around the farm

Policy and Procedures

Are you aware of the schools written Health and Safety Policy? If not: -

- Check with administration
- Refer to the Department of Education's Risk Management Policy
- Visit the Kidsafe WA Website for guidelines www.kidsafewa.com.au

Do you have safety structures and procedures in place? For example:

- Does the school have a first aid person? (structure)
- How to access the first aid person? (procedure)
- Is there a designated quiet play area?

Other Resources Available

The Family Farm Safety Kit, for use by year 3 teachers, includes:

- A Teacher's pack (with activity outcomes, teacher's notes, and activities)
- A Teacher's survey form
- A brochure for parents available at:

<http://www.safetyline.wa.gov.au/pagebin/farmhazd0051.htm>

These materials were developed by the WorkSafe Division of the Department of Consumer and Employment Protection to help educate rural children about some of the most common hazards on farms.

Around 600 children are admitted to hospital and about 30 children die each year as a result of accidents on Australian farms. Twenty percent of these fatalities involve children under 15. For children under four, the key cause of death is drowning in dams, creeks, rivers or tanks. For children aged between five and fifteen, these tragedies usually involve ATV's or farm bikes, tractors, other farm machinery or horses.

Using the Family Farm Safety Kit in your school will help reduce the likelihood of such accidents and injuries to children who live on farms in your community.

- **Safe Play Areas on Farms – (NATIONAL CHILD SAFETY ON FARMS) brochures and resource packs available on request.**
- **Colour in sheets – 'FARM SAFETY - What not to do'**
- **An 11 page handout written by Ric McConaghy (playspace designer)**

'to create exciting, diverse and secure naturalistic playspaces that do not rely solely on structures, but incorporate art and design elements that encourage interaction, engagement and wonder, and thus better meet the social, emotional, spiritual as well as physical needs and aspirations of all children and the adults that may accompany them.'

'Child Friendly Gardens – Gardens and Play Areas for Kids'

**Also available
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