



Farm and Home Safety "Walkabout"



"Be Aware! Then Prepare!"

HOW TO COMPLETE THE "WALKABOUT" INSPECTION

As you go through the various sections of the following "walkabout" inspection checklist, answer the questions of statements by checking YES or NO. If you have answered YES, no action is required. If you have answered NO, then a hazard exists requiring corrective action. When a hazard has been corrected, check it off in the last column.

4-H Farm Safety Program "Walkabout" usage

1. Together with your own family at your home or farm.
2. With your fellow 4-H Club members, led by your 4-H Club Safety Officer, at the home and farm of each 4-H Club family as you visit or have club and project meetings.
3. As a 4-H Club Farm Safety Program community service that your club has proposed and received invitation to do from rural and farm neighbours in your community.
(4-H members participating in this initiative may receive their orange 4-H Farm Safety Program participation badge upon completion of a "walkabout" with at least one 4-H family / farm and one non 4-H family / farm.)

HOW DOES SAFETY RATE AT YOUR FARM AND HOME ?

HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST

YES NO CORRECTED

- Are smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors installed in appropriate locations and operating properly? They should be tested periodically. (Were the batteries replaced during the last 6 - 12 months?)..... _____
- Do small rugs have non-skid backings? _____
- Are there covers on electrical outlets where children play? _____
- Do you post emergency telephone numbers with your properties address (street address, road name, gate number) by all telephones? _____
(Helpful information for young people or someone not familiar with the area making an emergency call.)

STAIRWAYS

- Are stairways clear of all hazards (shoes, toys, etc.)? _____
- Are there full length handrails, in good repair? _____
- Can stairways be well lighted? _____

BATHROOMS

- Do you have a proper medicine cabinet? _____

KITCHEN

- Do you always use a step stool for climbing? _____
- Are handles of pots and pans always turned away from stove fronts? _____
- Are cupboard contents kept orderly to prevent falling objects? _____
- Is a fully charged fire extinguisher available? _____

ENTRANCES

- Are tripping hazards cleaned up? _____

LIVINGROOMS/BEDROOMS

- Are electrical cords kept away from carpets? _____
- Do you keep a flashlight handy for power outages? _____

BASEMENT

- Do you have your furnace and water heater checked for safe operation? _____
- Are light switches properly located to prevent stumbling in the dark? _____

BUILDING SAFETY

- Are buildings free of litter and debris? _____
- Are walkways, aisles and traffic areas clear of any obstructions? _____
- Are stairs in good condition and equipped with handrails? _____
- Have broken, damaged, or rotten floorboards been repaired? _____
- Are protrusions such as nails removed from walls, railings, etc., to prevent contact? _____

FIRE PREVENTION

- Are appropriate fire extinguishers located strategically for easy access in case of fire? _____
- Are matches and lighters stored safely and out of reach of children? _____

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Do all outlets have three pronged receptacles to provide proper grounding of electrical tools and appliances? _____
- Are there sufficient outlets to eliminate the continued use of extension cords? _____

WORKSHOP

- Is personal protective equipment available? (i.e., goggles face shields, hard hats, gloves, hearing protection) _____
- Are work areas debris-free and uncluttered? _____
- Are ladders safe? (no broken or missing rungs, do they have nonslip shoes) _____
- Is there sufficient ventilation for welding, running motors, painting, etc? ... _____
- Are Flammable materials properly stored? _____
- Is there a metal self closing garbage can for oily rags? _____
- Are appropriate fire extinguishers located strategically for easy access in case of fire? _____
- Are there friction strikers to light propane and welding torches as opposed to matches? _____
- Are material lifting devises in good repair? (chain hoists, cable hoists jacks, etc.) _____

TOOLS

- Electrical power tools - cords in good repair and properly guarded? _____
- Are tools in good repair (heads securely attached to handles, no broken handles, are tools that need to be sharp, sharp)? _____
- Are abrasive and grinding wheels in good condition (not cracked, chipped or worn beyond minimum recommended diameter)? _____

PTO DRIVEN EQUIPMENT

- Do all PTO's have shields and guards in place? _____
- When working with PTO driven equipment, is clothing close-fitting, long hair covered, and no laces etc., exposed? _____

GENERAL FARM MACHINERY

- Are all shields and guards in place? _____
- Are all machines free of jagged metal or protrusions that could injure workers? _____
- Are children and bystanders kept away from operating machinery? _____
- Do you always observe the "NO RIDERS" rule on machines? _____

FIELDS, WOODLOTS, LANES, DRIVES AND YARDS

- Do you inspect trees after storms and in spring for broken limbs that could come down? _____
- Do you have an assigned play area for children (i.e. a fenced area)? _____
- Are clotheslines high enough for pedestrians to walk under? _____

FARM TRACTOR SAFETY

- Before operating, do you walk around the tractor making a visual check for bystanders and other objects? _____
- Before operating, do you walk around the tractor making a visual check for loose bolts and cracked or broken parts? _____
- Do you always wear seatbelts with ROPS? _____
- Are keys removed from the tractor when not in use, to prevent theft or unauthorized people from using the equipment? _____

ANIMAL HANDLING FACILITIES

- Are pens, gates and fences in good condition, without protrusions? _____
- Do you use special care in handling animals with new-born young? _____
- Do you make animals aware of your approach so as not to frighten them?.. _____
- Are pets and animals immunized as required? _____

FIRST AID / EMERGENCY ACTION

- Do you maintain first-aid kits in the following locations:
 - Home? _____
 - Workshop? _____
 - Tractors? _____
 - Vehicles? _____
- Are first-aid kits periodically checked and replenished? _____
- Has anyone on your farm received first-aid training in the last three years? _____
- Has anyone on your farm received training in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)? _____
- Do you have a good first-aid manual for reference? _____
- Do you know what to do for accidental poisonings? _____
- Are emergency phone numbers posted by all phones along with farm locations? _____

SPECIAL STRUCTURES: SILOS, GRAIN BINS, ETC.

- Are entrances to silos and grain bins secured against entry by children? _____
- Are workers made aware of hazards of flowing grain entrapment and crusted grains? _____
- Can power be locked out so that unloading mechanisms cannot start by accident? _____
- Do you always avoid entering a manure pit for any reason? _____

YES NO CORRECTED

TRANSPORT VEHICLES: TRUCKS ETC.

- Are keys removed from motorized equipment to prevent starting by children? _____

LAWN MOWER HAZARDS

- Does the person who uses the lawn mower always wear heavy shoes? _____
- Does the person who mows the lawn always pick up trash etc., first? _____
- Does the lawn mower have safety shields? _____
- Do you always turn the lawn mower off (or disengage the blade) before crossing gravel drives or walkways? _____
- Do you always refill the lawn mower and other gas tanks outdoors? _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

FARM AND HOME EMERGENCY DATA

My name is: _____

Our address is: (Exact directions to this home / farm. Include street address, road name, gate number or special signage) (Helpful information for young people or someone not familiar with the area making an emergency call.)

EMERGENCY NUMBERS 911

Or:

FIRE: _____

POLICE: _____

RESCUE (Ambulance) _____

(Adapted from "Safety Check" - Ontario Farm Safety Association and Ontario Ministry of Agriculture)

This Farm and Home Safety "Walkabout" is primarily an awareness exercise for the family or farm operator. It should be done as a team effort by all involved. It is the responsibility of the family / farm operator to take responsibility to address the "NO" checks and check when "CORRECTED". 4-H Club Safety Officers / Coordinators may wish to compile Walkabout" summary data, without family / farm operator names or addresses, to identify primary safety issues in the community.