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ELIMINATE HAZARDS ON YOUR FARM

CAREFUL!

CAUTION!

DANGER!

SAFETY

LISTEN!

STOP!

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CHECK LIST

The reduction of accidents and the conservation of life, limb and property among farm people is your responsibility. An accident, right now, somewhere, is "looking for a place to happen." To help prevent your farm from being such a place, check for hazards now. Then remove all possible hazards and warn the family of those which can't be removed. Save a life by acting now.

Can you answer "yes" to all these questions?

MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

Are your tractor wheels set as wide as possible to reduce tipping hazards? ____________

Do you keep guards in place over all power shafts, belts and chains to prevent entanglement? ____________

Do you always turn the power off before adjusting or unclogging machinery? ____________

Do you avoid climbing over or around a running combine or corn picker? ____________

Do you keep children off tractors and running machines? ____________

Do you avoid wearing ragged or loose clothing around moving machinery? ____________

Do you avoid operating your tractor on dangerous inclines or near ditches and banks? ____________

Do you keep tractor speed under four and one-half miles per hour for off-the-road operation? ____________

Do you avoid hitching to the axle, always using the drawbar? ____________

Does your tractor and each piece of tractor drawn machinery have a red light or reflector on the rear? ____________

Have you had a serious discussion relative to machinery safety with the younger members of the family? ____________

Do you have a definite place for tools and equipment when not in use? ____________
Are your tools kept in good repair? \(\begin{array}{ll}
\text{Yes} & \text{No} \\
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\end{array}\)  

Do you avoid filling the tractor with fuel while it is running? \(\begin{array}{ll}
\end{array}\)  

Do you have a fire extinguisher on the tractor? \(\begin{array}{ll}
\end{array}\)  

Do you have a metal sediment bulb on the tractor? \(\begin{array}{ll}
\end{array}\)  

What is your score? Yes \(\begin{array}{ll}
\end{array}\) No \(\begin{array}{ll}
\end{array}\)  

List the hazards to be eliminated as a part of your personal campaign for "Safe Living."

1.  
2.  
3.  
4.  
5.  

**FARM BUILDINGS AND FARM YARD**

Are ladders and steps kept in good repair? \(\begin{array}{ll}
\end{array}\)  

Do you protect all water tanks, wells, and cisterns that are hazardous to the lives of children? \(\begin{array}{ll}
\end{array}\)  

Are hay mows adequately lighted with approved fixtures? \(\begin{array}{ll}
\end{array}\)  

Do you keep all trash, rubbish and waste material cleaned up around farmstead? \(\begin{array}{ll}
\end{array}\)  

Are ladders available for use in case of fire? \(\begin{array}{ll}
\end{array}\)  

Are ladders stored where they won’t invite children to climb them? \(\begin{array}{ll}
\end{array}\)  

Do you have an available supply of water for fire fighting? \(\begin{array}{ll}
\end{array}\)  

Do you eliminate fire hazards such as weeds, brush, old lumber, etc., around buildings? \(\begin{array}{ll}
\end{array}\)  

Are gasoline and other flammable liquids stored so as not to endanger farm buildings? \(\begin{array}{ll}
\end{array}\)  

Are gasoline containers painted bright red? \(\begin{array}{ll}
\end{array}\)
Do you have an approved type fire extinguisher available near building entrances?  Yes  No

Were fire extinguishers checked for workability during the past three months?  Yes  No

Can the electrical current be cut off in each building independent of other buildings?  Yes  No

Are lightning rod grounds in good repair?  Yes  No

What is your score?  Yes  No

Hazards to be eliminated around the farm buildings or in the farm yard.

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2.
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5.

LIVESTOCK

Bulls, Rams, and boars are always dangerous. Are they handled cautiously on your farm?  Yes  No

Do you refrain from teasing livestock?  Yes  No

In approaching cattle and horses from the rear, do you speak to them to let them know you are coming?  Yes  No

Are small children kept away from livestock pens and barns?  Yes  No

Do you use special care in handling animals with newborn young?  Yes  No

Are livestock handled quietly and with care to prevent fright or injury?  Yes  No

Do you have adequate equipment such as squeeze chutes, sorting pens, and loading chutes, to handle livestock safely?  Yes  No

Your score.  Yes  No

Safety hazards to be corrected.

1.
2.
3.
4.
Are stairways clear of toys, boxes, clothing and other movable articles? 

Do all stairways have at least one handrail?

Are small scatter rugs kept away from head and foot of stairs and from landings?

Do you always use a safe step ladder instead of a chair when you reach into difficult places?

Are porches, walks and steps kept free of ice and snow?

Do you know the location of shut-offs for gas, electricity and water?

Are all electrical circuits fused with not more than 15 ampere fuses?

Are all electrical appliances in the basement or near the sink grounded?

Are all electrical connections out of reach of the bath tub or wash basin?

Are all pull chains provided with insulated links?

Are all electrical cords, switches and plugs in good repair?

Is the medicine cabinet out of the reach of children?

Are all bottles, boxes, jars, and tubes properly labeled as to contents, particularly in the medicine cabinet?

Are all poisons kept in a special cabinet and have they special labels?

Are kitchen knives and other sharp instruments kept out of reach of children?

Do you make a habit of turning handles of cooking utensils away from the edge of the stove?

Are your heating systems checked regularly for fire hazards?

Do you avoid the use of flammable fuels to aid in starting coal, cob, or wood fires in the stove?

Are roofs free of frayed, weathered wood shingles?

Are chimneys in good condition, free of obstructions?

Are ashes stored in metal containers?
Is the use of flammable liquid such as gasoline, naphtha, and benzine prohibited as a cleaning fluid in the home?  

Yes No

Are oily, greasy rags and mops stored in a metal container?  

Yes No

Has your family worked out and practiced a plan of action in case of fire in the home?  

Yes No

Is your family a member of the local rural fire district?  

Yes No

What is the Safety rating in your home?  Yes______  No______

Hazards needing immediate elimination:

1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 
6. 

TRAFFIC

Are the family auto and truck always kept in good mechanical repair?  

Yes No

Do all persons operating the vehicles on your farm understand the traffic signs along highways?  

Yes No

Do you obey all traffic signs along highways?  

Yes No

When walking along highways do you face approaching traffic by using the left side of the road?  

Yes No

Do you reduce speed when approaching farm machinery and tractors on the highway?  

Yes No

Do you always give the proper hand signal when changing the course of your auto?  

Yes No
Yes  No

Do you always yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian? . .  ____  ____

Are you always a courteous driver? . . . . . . . .  ____  ____

Your score. Yes ______. No. ______.

List attitudes which must be improved and practices which must be corrected.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.