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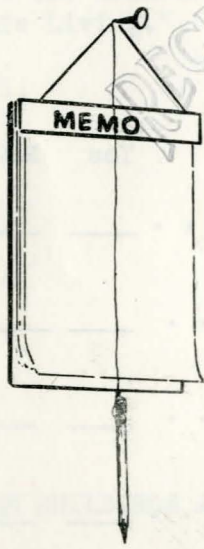
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CAREFUL!

LOOK!

CAUTION!

LISTEN!

DANGER!

STOP!



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Eliminate Hazards on Your Farm

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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

	Yes	No
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?	_____	_____

	Yes	No
Are your tools kept in good repair?	_____	_____
Do you avoid filling the tractor with fuel while it is running?	_____	_____
Do you have a fire extinguisher on the tractor?	_____	_____
Do you have a metal sediment bulb on the tractor?	_____	_____

What is your score? Yes _____. No. _____.

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?	_____	_____
Do you protect all water tanks, wells, and cisterns that are hazardous to the lives of children?	_____	_____
Are hay mows adequately lighted with approved fixtures?	_____	_____
Do you keep all trash, rubbish and waste material cleaned up around farmstead?	_____	_____
Are ladders available for use in case of fire?	_____	_____
Are ladders stored where they won't invite children to climb them?	_____	_____
Do you have an available supply of water for fire fighting?	_____	_____
Do you eliminate fire hazards such as weeds, brush, old lumber, etc., around buildings?	_____	_____
Are gasoline and other flammable liquids stored so as not to endanger farm buildings?	_____	_____
Are gasoline containers painted bright red?	_____	_____

	Yes	No
Do you have an approved type fire extinguisher available near building entrances?	_____	_____
Were fire extinguishers checked for workability during the past three months?	_____	_____
Can the electrical current be cut off in each building independent of other buildings?	_____	_____
Are lightning rod grounds in good repair?	_____	_____
What is your score? Yes _____ . No. _____ .		

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

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

LIVESTOCK

Bulls, Rams, and boars are always dangerous. Are they handled cautiously on your farm?	_____	_____
Do you refrain from teasing livestock?	_____	_____
In approaching cattle and horses from the rear, do you speak to them to let them know you are coming?	_____	_____
Are small children kept away from livestock pens and barns?	_____	_____
Do you use special care in handling animals with newborn young?	_____	_____
Are livestock handled quietly and with care to prevent fright or injury?	_____	_____
Do you have adequate equipment such as squeeze chutes, sorting pens, and loading chutes, to handle livestock safely? _____	_____	_____
Your score. Yes _____ . No. _____ .		

Safety hazards to be corrected.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

THE FARM HOME

Yes No

- 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? _____

Yes No

Is the use of flammable liquid such as gasoline, naphtha, and benzine prohibited as a cleaning fluid in the home? _____

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

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

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

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? _____

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

Do you obey all traffic signs along highways? _____

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

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

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

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.