

BeGrainSafe Week

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Grain Bags Protect Harvested Crops, Safety Protects Lives

Grain bags are a convenient and efficient option for on-farm grain storage. But they also come with serious safety risks if not handled properly.

Never enter a grain bag, which is a huge suffocation hazard. If a pneumatic grain conveyor is used, the suction risks “shrink wrapping” a person inside the grain bag.

Keep children and unauthorized individuals away from grain bags at all times, and do not let people walk on top of them, as this could lead to injury if a person slips off or entrapment if they tear through.

Regularly inspect bags for signs of tears or animal damage and repair any holes immediately. Use a ladder to inspect the top of grain bags for damage.

Increase the visibility of grain bags, especially during the winter, by placing brightly coloured markers around them.

And always use the manufacturer’s recommended procedures for filling and emptying bags, and follow directions for proper bag disposal.

Taking the time to follow safety best practices with grain bags can help protect you, your family, your workers, and your livelihood.

For more information about grain safety and BeGrainSafe Week, visit casa-acsa.ca/BeGrainSafe-Week.