



# Preventing Machinery Runovers: Keeping Kids Safe on Family Farms

A unique aspect of agriculture is that family farms are both workplaces and homes where people of all ages live. But that also means children and youth face a higher risk of injury in agriculture than in other industries.

Machinery runovers are the most common cause of fatal farm injuries among children and youth, especially younger kids.

Fortunately, runovers can be prevented. Follow these tips to keep your family safe.

#### **Supervision at all times**

Never leave kids unsupervised near farm equipment that is in use.

#### **Safe play areas**

Create a designated play area with protective fencing far away from equipment and work areas.

#### **Do a circle check**

Always walk around machinery before starting it to check for bystanders.

#### **Blind spots awareness**

Teach kids about tractors' blind spots. Remind them that seeing the operator doesn't mean the operator can see them.

#### **One seat, one rider**

Tractors and other machinery are not passenger vehicles. Children passengers can be thrown or fall from the cab.

#### **Not in use = shut it down**

Never leave running machinery unattended. Set the parking brake, take the keys, and lock it when it's not in use.

#### **Tractors aren't toys**

Make sure children understand that tractors and other farm machinery are not toys, even when parked and turned off.

