

Farmyard and Buildings

SAFETY AROUND THE FARMYARD

- Ensure that everything is secure before a storm. Undertaking repairs during a storm will likely lead to a serious incident.
- Store light items indoors and tidy the farmyard.
- Ensure all clean water drains are free of debris and the outfalls are clear.
- Ensure all gates are properly hanging and secured using steel hangers.
- All gates should be fastened using bolts or chains. Never use twine to secure a gate.
- Ensure that your farmyard is well-lit and lights are angled to prevent glare.

SAFETY AROUND FARM BUILDINGS

- Check that slats are in good condition before housing livestock.
- Ensure buildings are secure – in particular, penning is secure, in good condition and securely fixed.
- Replace sheeted gates with sliding doors.
- Check that all lights are working and that buildings are well-lit.
- Ensure all roof sheets are secure. When working at heights always hire in suitable lifting equipment – never work off a ladder.
- Ensure that you can safely access housed animals.



Farm Equipment

SAFETY WHEN USING DANGEROUS EQUIPMENT

- Get trained on how to use equipment correctly.
- Never use damaged equipment and ensure all guards are in place.
- Chainsaws: See the HSA guide to Safe Working with Timber and Chainsaws at www.hsa.ie
- Ensure that all P.T.O. covers are in good condition and replace any that are damaged.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FARM SAFETY VISIT

www.gov.ie/farmsafety

www.hsa.ie/eng/Your_Industry/Agriculture_Forestry

www.teagasc.ie/rural-economy/farm-management/farm-health--safety



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Stay Safe

KEEPING SAFE OVER THE WINTER

Farming is a high-risk occupation, and it is even more so when severe weather arrives.

The last few winters have brought some very severe conditions, with severe storms and extensive flooding in some areas.

Now is the time to **PLAN**, in order to ensure that you and your family can farm safely this winter.

LOOK AFTER YOUR OWN SAFETY

- Before going out on your land always tell someone where you are going, and how long you will be gone for.
- Wear suitable layers of clothing.
- Carry a charged mobile phone and a torch.



Wellbeing

LOOK AFTER YOUR WELLBEING

- Take time to look after your wellbeing.
- Take time to plan your work.
- Take time to exercise.
- Remember those you have not seen in a while – give them a call or text to see how they are getting on.

CHILD AND VISITOR SAFETY

- Visitors may not be familiar with a farm and should be accompanied when out on the farm.
- Children should always be supervised on farms.
- A safe and secure play area for children should be provided away from all work activities, in full view of the dwelling house.
- Children do not understand the risks with machinery. Just because a machine is not operating does not mean that it is safe.



Machinery and Electrics

SAFETY AROUND FARM VEHICLES AND MACHINERY

- Ensure all vehicles are fully serviced and maintained in good working condition.
- Ensure that lights, brakes and handbrakes are in good working condition.
- Ensure that you are trained and know how to safely use all your machinery.
- Ensure that vehicles and machinery that will not be used over the winter are safely parked and stored.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Do not approach fallen power lines as they may still be live – contact ESB Networks before approaching any fallen power lines.
- Ensure that the electrical wiring around the farm is in good condition.
- Back-up generators: Ensure that you have a correctly fitted changeover switch and only use outside as exhaust fumes can kill.