

# FARM SAFETY



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**44%**

of deaths were caused by tractors and farm vehicles such as quad bikes and loaders.



**19%**

of farm fatalities involved work with livestock



**50%**

of worker victims were aged 65 years or older



**19**

On average, 19 people are killed in farm accidents every year

**Farm Safety**  
A Way of Life



Before every task on the farm think... **is there a safer way?**

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53%

Tractors account for 53% of vehicle related deaths

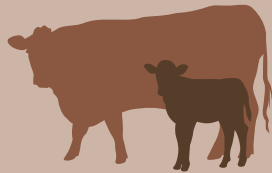


## TRACTORS AND VEHICLES

- Watch out for other people and keep your speed down.
- Practice the SAFE STOP procedure: reverse park, handbrake on, controls in neutral, lower attachments, engine off and remove keys.
- All tractor and machinery drivers should be competent.

33%

Attacks by cows with calves accounted for 33% of fatalities caused by livestock

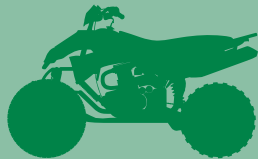


## LIVESTOCK

- Good handling facilities are essential when handling cattle and other livestock.
- All bulls are potentially dangerous. Always, fit a ring and chain to a stock bull when it is out in the field and exercise great caution if you need to enter the field with the bull.
- Never turn your back on the cow at calving time, always use a calving gate, never get in between the cow and her calf and always have an escape route.

12%

12% of fatal vehicle accidents involved quad bikes



## QUAD BIKES

- The new Quad Bike (ATV) Regulations require that all operators of Quad Bikes to completed a Quad Bike Training Course provided by a registered training provider to a QQI Standard or equivalent, and additionally all such operators must wear appropriate head protection while operating a Quad Bike.

94%

94% of child fatalities involve vehicles and machinery



## CHILDREN

- Children should not be allowed unsupervised access to the farmyard.
- Keep children away from dangerous areas (slurry pits, silage pits, grain /chemical stores, working machinery and high areas).
- Under no circumstances should a child under 7 years of age be carried inside the cab of a tractor.

\* All the statistics used in this leaflet were sourced from the HSA's *Statistics on Work-Related Fatalities in Agriculture in Ireland 2014-2023*.

## QUAD SAFETY TRAINING

Regulations governing the safe use of ATV/Quad Bikes in all workplaces (SI 619/2021) came into effect on 20 November 2023. These regulations have 2 essential requirements of note:

- Training to be undertaken with a registered training provider to a QQI standard or equivalent;

- Use of helmets to a (generally) prescribed standard.

Persons who undertake ATV/Quad Bike training must ensure that:

- The training provider used, is a registered training provider, registered with a registration body such as QQI, ABA, Lantra, City & Guilds or others such registered training bodies;

- On successful completion of the training course, they receive a certificate of training that confirms that the course was successfully completed to the QQI standard 5N1752 or equivalent;

- They retain and show when requested their training certificate as proof of training.

IFA held a Quad Safety Training Information Webinar. Recording of webinar can be found at [www.ifa.ie/quadsafety](http://www.ifa.ie/quadsafety)