



School Aged Children Tips for Their Health and Safety

Who's at Risk on the Farm?

SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

A child dies in an agriculture-related incident about every three days in the United States. In addition, every day about 38 children are injured in an agriculture-related incident. 80% of the injured youth were not working when the injury occurred.

What puts kids at risk? The answers vary just as each child varies in his/her own characteristics. Characteristics of school age children that put them at risk include:

- ▶ Age
- ▶ Experience
- ▶ Body size (height and weight)
- ▶ Training before operating farm equipment
- ▶ Strong peer pressure may lead to showing off when around similar age youth
- ▶ Feelings of invincibility

Prevention tips when working with school age youth:

- ▶ Conduct training before assigning farm tasks
- ▶ Provide properly fitted appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- ▶ Encourage participation in formal safety and health education
- ▶ Supervise novice farm workers
- ▶ Consider body size, age, knowledge, and experience when assigning tasks to youth
- ▶ Never allow riders on tractors and other farm equipment

The farm is a great place to raise children – if done safely.

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