



TALK LEADER INSTRUCTIONS

This is background information ONLY. Be sure to customize your talk to your operation and facilities.

- ✓ Print copies of this sheet for yourself and each of the participants.
- ✓ Lead a discussion with your workers about the materials on this sheet at a location that is appropriate to the topic. Be sure to give real life examples whenever possible.
- ✓ Be open to questions.
- ✓ Conclude with a brief review of the main points or a summary based on the discussion.
- ✓ Fill in your operation name, location and the date on your sheet. Have each worker sign your sheet to confirm their attendance.
- ✓ File your sheet in your worker training records to document the training experience.

WORK ACTIVITY

Moving large farm machinery on public roadways is part of our business. The nature of our work means we are using public roadways to access fields and farm-yards. Driving defensively and being aware of other motorists on the roadways are the best ways to avoid collisions.

BACKGROUND

The left-turn collision is the most common type of farm machinery collisions on public roads. It happens when the farm vehicle is about to make a left turn; meanwhile, the motorist behind the farm vehicle decides to pass.

Key Points

WE HAVE INTEGRATED SAFETY STANDARD OPERATING PRACTICES FOR OPERATING ALL FARM VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT ON OUR FARM.

If you don't remember them, review them—you can find them:

MAKE SURE YOU'RE VISIBLE

During your preoperational check, make sure all existing lighting and marking on farm equipment is in good working order. Inventory the condition of lighting, reflectors, and Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblems on farm equipment and if anything needs repairs or replacing, either fix it or let a supervisor know.

USE ALL OF YOUR SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Make sure you turn on your lights when moving your machinery. This becomes especially important when moving at night. Make sure to signal your intention when making a wide left turn. Signaling becomes very important especially when turning into a field approach.

DRIVE DEFENSIVELY

All roadway travel is a team effort between yourself and other drivers. When driving, be aware that traffic behind you will be trying to pass and may not anticipate your movements, such as a wide left turn. Make sure you look behind you before starting to make a left-hand turn. This could prevent a collision if other drivers aren't aware of your intention.

CHANGE TRAVEL TIMES, IF POSSIBLE, TO AVOID PEAK ROADWAY USE

If you can, move machinery during slower times on the roadway. If possible, change your route to avoid large amounts of traffic.

Here are some additional safety tips for avoiding collisions on public roadways:

1. Use pilot vehicles when transporting very large equipment or during heavy traffic periods.
2. Occupy the full lane. Don't straddle the shoulder.
3. Don't drive with all of the field lights

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CAUTION

You might not always be the one driving the farm equipment. Remember it's easy to misjudge speed when you come upon a slow-moving vehicle. In most cases, you have only a few seconds to react and slow down. For example, if you're driving 55 miles an hour and come upon a tractor that's moving 15 miles an hour, it only takes five seconds to close a gap the length of a football field between you and the tractor.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES / CONTACTS

In case of incident or injury, call 911 or your local emergency services, then me or your supervisor.

MORE RESOURCES

Farm Equipment and Motor Vehicle Operation on Public Roads, by the Institute of Agricultural Rural and Environment Health (January 2003), available at <http://casa-acsa.ca/content/farm-equipment-and-motor-vehicleoperation-public-roads>

Be Seen, Be Safe, by the Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute (PAMI), available at <http://www.pami.ca/beseenbesafe/beseennf/beseennf.htm>

turned on. (This could confuse motorists.)

What are some additional safety tips for avoiding collisions on public roadways?

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COMMENTS / SUGGESTIONS

Operation Name _____

Location _____

Meeting Leader _____

Date _____

TOOLBOX TALK PARTICIPANTS

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This Producer Tool was developed by the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA). Conducting regular Toolbox Talks, or safety meetings, with farm workers is one component of establishing a comprehensive farm safety plan as outlined in the Canada FarmSafe Plan, CASA's business-risk management tool for health and safety on the farm. To download the core Canada FarmSafe Plan, visit casa-acsa.ca/CanadaFarmSafePlan, or contact CASA to learn more at 1-877-452-2272.

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