



PLAYING SAFE ON THE FARM



BACKGROUND

Growing up on the farm is the best! It's a great place to learn about food and animals and about how everything grows! Even though living and playing on the farm is awesome, we still have to be careful. After all, a farm isn't a playground, it's a place where very important work gets done.

PLAY ACTIVITY

The best places to play and explore are the ones that are set aside for just that! A safe play area is a place that is free of things that could hurt a kid and has lots of fun things to do.

On our farm, our safe play area is:

(location of safe play area.)

There are some places that kids shouldn't play on our farm. It's best to stay away from places like:

- Roads and where other traffic or farm equipment is moving
- Places where there's lots of noise
- Places where there's lots of dust or wind
- Places where chemical and medicines are stored
- Areas with water
- Are too close to livestock (like cows) or pests (like mice) or toxic plants (like poison ivy)

The adults on the farm want to keep you safe! So it's important that you always follow the rules and tell an adult if something isn't safe. Some things that might not be safe are things like broken play equipment.

After all, we want our farm to be safe and strong and that means keeping you safe!

KEY POINTS FOR KIDS:

- Playing safe means listening to the safety rules and following them!
- Asking questions about safety is always a good idea.
- Talking to your family and friends about being safe on the farm helps everybody stay safe.

KEY POINTS FOR ADULTS:

- It is important to realize that not all children are the same. Children of the same age have differences in size, physical ability, cognitive ability, and communication abilities. This is why adequate supervision is a crucial part of safe play.
- It is important that we teach children to stay within the designated area, (these safe play areas ideally are fenced and away from all hazards), make them aware of the dangers of straying outside of the area, set rules for play, and set consequences for breaking the rules.



For more information about creating a safe play area, visit <http://www.agsafetyweek.ca/keeping-kids-safe.html>.