



Farm Safety Checklist

SAFE PLAY AREA

	YES	NO
Is the play area visible from the main area of the house?	☐	☐
Is the area free from hazards including water, vehicles, machinery and poisons?	☐	☐
Does the area provide adequate shade and interesting things for children to do?	☐	☐
Do you have 'out of bounds' rules so children know where they should not be playing?	☐	☐

TRACTOR SAFETY

	YES	NO
Is there a rule where children are not allowed to be a passenger on a tractor?	☐	☐
Are children taught to keep away from tractors?	☐	☐
Is the tractor ignition turned off and the keys always removed when the tractor is not in use or unattended?	☐	☐
Is the front end loader and/or the three point linkage equipment lowered to the ground when not in use or unattended?	☐	☐
Does the tractor have an Australian Standards approved roll-over protective structure fitted?	☐	☐

WATER SAFETY

	YES	NO
Is there a safety barrier/fencing around the backyard swimming pool or spa?	☐	☐
Are wells, tanks, post holes, dams, ponds and sheep dips securely covered or fenced to prevent unsupervised child access?	☐	☐
Have children been familiarised with water and taught to swim?	☐	☐
Is there a set of rules for children about going near water unsupervised?	☐	☐
Do those supervising the children know to always supervise them when near water?	☐	☐

ANIMAL SAFETY

	YES	NO
Are aggressive animals such as stallions and bulls kept in secure paddocks well away from the house?	☐	☐
Are animal pens and stock yards inaccessible to children?	☐	☐
Are those children who are allowed to ride horses using horses suitable for their age and riding ability?	☐	☐
Do children wear the appropriate safety gear for horse riding including a well-fitted riding helmet and riding boots?	☐	☐
Are children instructed and supervised whilst learning to ride a horse on your farm?	☐	☐



FARM BIKE SAFETY

YES NO

Are children over 16, who are allowed to use motorbikes, properly trained?

☐ ☐

Do motorcyclists and quad bike riders always wear fitted riding helmets, long pants and sturdy footwear when riding?

☐ ☐

Is there a rule that children under 16 cannot ride quad bikes on your farm?

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Is there a rule that passengers are not allowed on quad bikes?

☐ ☐

SAFETY AROUND FARM VEHICLES

YES NO

Do children always use seatbelts and appropriate restraints?

☐ ☐

Is there a rule that children are not allowed to ride in the back of a ute or trailer?

☐ ☐

Are drivers careful when driving near the house where children might be?

☐ ☐

When vehicles are not in use, are keys kept out of children's reach?

☐ ☐

SAFETY AROUND OTHER MACHINERY

YES NO

Are all vehicles and self-propelled farm machinery safely parked and securely locked when not in use?

☐ ☐

Are all power take-off shafts, belt drives, grain augers and other machinery covered with approved safety guards?

☐ ☐

Are all generators and pumps inaccessible to children?

☐ ☐

SAFETY IN THE WORKSHOP

YES NO

Is an electrical safety switch attached to the mains power supply?

☐ ☐

Is the workshop always locked after use?

☐ ☐

FARM CHEMICAL SAFETY

YES NO

Are all farm chemicals, fertilisers and veterinary products stored in a locked shed?

☐ ☐

Are all farm chemicals, fertilisers and veterinary products stored in their original containers?

☐ ☐

SILOS AND SAFETY

YES NO

Are silos, grain storage bins and trucks inaccessible to children?

☐ ☐

SAFETY AROUND HAY BALES AND STACKS

YES NO

Is hay stacked either in a shed with lockable gates or in a paddock guarded by a secure fence?

☐ ☐

Is there a rule that children are forbidden to play in and around hay bales and stacks?

☐ ☐

Are children supervised at a safe distance from where hay is being cut, baled or stacked?

☐ ☐



RESPIRATORY DISEASES AND ALLERGIES

YES NO

Are children kept away from areas where dust is collected?

☐ ☐

Do adults and older children who are working in dusty conditions wear a face mask/respirator?

☐ ☐

FIREARMS AND HEARING PROTECTION

YES NO

Are firearms locked away separately from ammunition?

☐ ☐

Are small children supervised at a safe distance from noisy machinery and firearms?

☐ ☐

Do adults and older children wear approved hearing protection when using or near noisy machinery and firearms?

☐ ☐

Consider making changes to items that received a NO response for a safer farm! If you are still unsure, conduct a safety audit of your farm to identify the safety hazards for both you and your children.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Department of Fire and Emergency Services - Fire safety information
www.dfes.wa.gov.au

Royal Life Saving Society WA - Water safety information
www.royallifesavingwa.com.au

Worksafe – Quad bike safety
<https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe>

Safe Work Australia – Safe handling of chemicals
<https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/>

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