



The Benefits of a Partnership Approach in achieving improvements in Farm Safety

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Farming

- Demanding – time and money
- Difficult – must find ways of making it easier
- Dangerous – yes but it doesn't have to be
- Stressful – find ways to manage
- A Way of Life – an inbuilt passion
- Rewarding – generally not rewarding enough

Is It Worth Your Life or a Family Members Life?



We have a Problem – What's the Solution?

- Legislation (Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act)
 - Good Guidance - Code of Practice
 - Training
 - Advisory Services Support
 - Representative Organisation – Face Up to Health & Safety
- Partnership**



Partnership

- Agriculture must solve their own safety problems
- The H.S.A. will assist
- The **Farm Safety Partnership** should be the Driving Force
- Special Initiatives (Teagasc -Joint Initiative) are critical
- Authority are Committed to help solve farm safety issues



Authority Commitment



- Support **Farm Safety Partnership** Advisory Committee
- Farm Safety Action Plan
- Development of appropriate Publications
- Farm Safety COP and Media Campaign
- Presence at Ploughing Championships and other regional shows
- Inspection Activity
 - 2,000 inspections along with Farm Walks
- **Almost €2m spent on Agriculture in 2006**



Farm Safety Action Plan (2009 -2012)

Goals

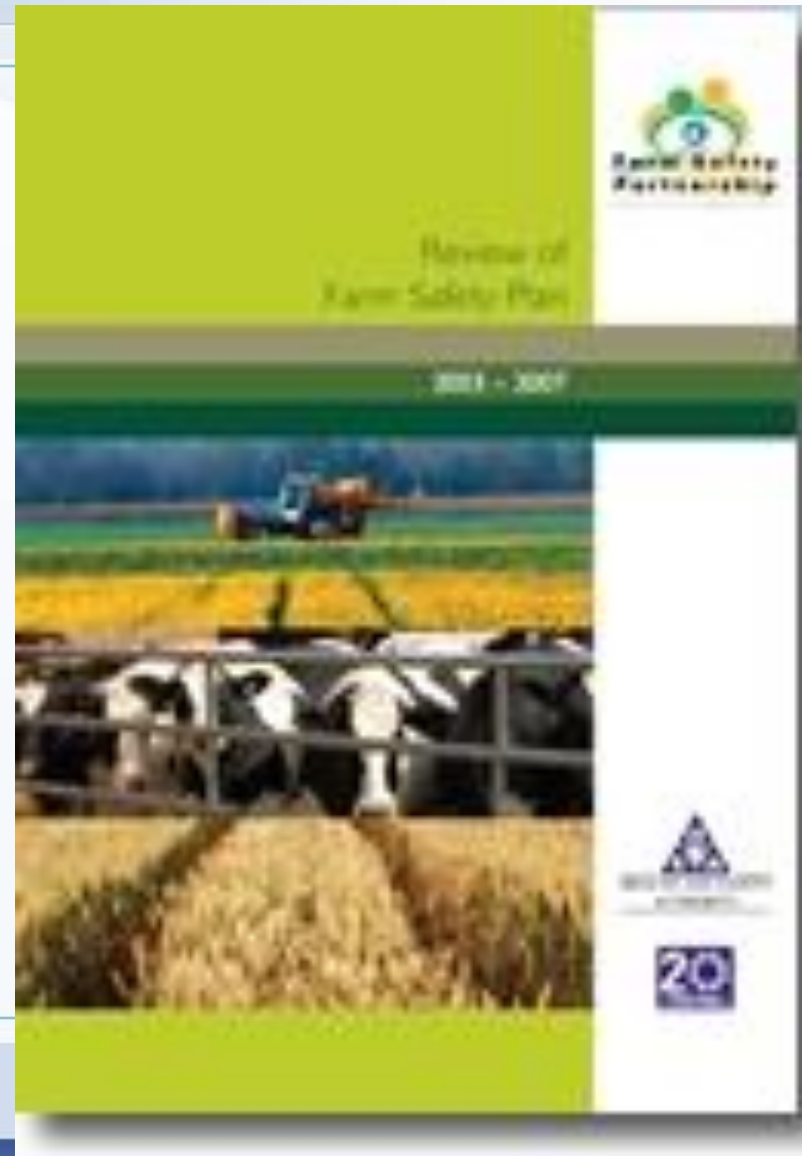
- Nation Awareness
- Increase Training
- Reduce Deaths to Elderly
- Eliminate Deaths to Children
- Reduce injuries from Livestock
- Reduce injury involving Tractors and Machinery
- Improve Health of Farmers

7 Working Groups formed for these goals



Farm Safety Plan (2003-2007) Review

- Review of Farm Safety Plan (2003-2007)
 - 20% reduction in deaths
- Substantial improvements for child safety
- Increased levels of Training
- Training is Key to Success





*It's no accident that
Alec's been farming
since 1957.*

Farm safely.



Use the code.

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Agriculture Publications

- Safety of Older Farmers
- Stable Safe – Equine Safety DVD
- Guidelines on Preparation of a Safety Statement for a Farm
- Safe Use of ATV's Information Sheet
- Children and Safety on Farms
- Children's Book – Stay Safe on the Farm with Jessy
- Agriculture COP Pack
- Farm Safety Risk Assessment document
- Essential Health & Safety Guide for Horticulture
- Farm Safety Plan 2009 -2012
- COP for Managing Safety in Forestry
- Play Safe, Stay Safe on the Farm
- COP on Preventing Accidents to Children and Young Persons in Agriculture
- Child Safety on the Farm – Information Sheet





Child Safety Booklet - Distribution

Child Safety on the Farm
INFORMATION SHEET

The information sheet is written for farm families, parents and children on farms between 2006 and 2009. It contains key messages about the risks of farm accidents. The messages were created by health professionals, parents and farm workers and farming.

THESE ARE THE MAIN RISKS TO BE AWARE OF: - Carry out a Risk Assessment - Consider the hazards to children and take action to keep children safe from danger.

Key Messages:

- Children under the age of 16 years should not be allowed to drive or operate tractors or self-propelled machines.
- Children aged 16 years or over should only be permitted to drive a tractor or self-propelled machine on the farm and only if they have received training from a competent training provider. The task and control are essential and they are heavily dependent on a wide range of skills. Consider the following:
- Understand the risks of driving, load movement and safe operation of the tractor.
- Apply correct driving skills.
- ATV/UTV use - provide proper training and supervision and obtain a licence.
- Use of a pitchfork and wheelbarrow for the farm and the children.

Remember:

Always wear your seatbelt and make sure you are properly fitted. Always use safety harness, handrails and safety chains in powered machinery. Supervise children near water.

For more information:

Children can go to the farm website at www.hsa.ie, call 1800 20 20 20, visit, email and use the services in parent information.

For more information visit www.hsa.ie



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parents to read
ok with their
and discuss farm
y with them.

STAY SAFE ON THE FARM with Jessy



For more information

HEALTH AND SAFETY AUTHORITY

**Safety of
Older Farmers**



Sector Objectives

Zero Accidents and **Zero** Fatalities Through-

- **Partnership with Industry Leaders/Organisations**
- **H.S.A. Prevention Services**
 - Advice and Information
 - Appropriate Legislation
 - Appropriate and Detailed Guidance
 - Sector Specific Training
 - Shared Initiatives
- **Enforcement** - Activity of Compliance Inspectors



Conclusion

- Behaviour Change is needed - Action
- Concentrate on small number of issues (Vehicle/Machinery Use and Age)
- Attend COP Training
- Complete Risk Assessment Document
- Eliminate Hazards Identified
- Adopt Safe Practices
- Maintain Awareness of Risks to All





Thank you & Safe Farming

