



## Farm Safety Tips

-  - Farm tractors should be equipped for roll-over accidents. Roll-over protective structure (ROPS) and seat belt equipped tractors could save 350 lives annually on Canadian Farms.
-  - Farm tractors should be equipped with bypass starter covers. Many tractors do not have bypass starter covers for preventing jump starting. Tractor operators may attempt to jump start a farm tractor if the battery is dead. If the tractor is in gear, it could lurch forward and run over the operators and innocent bystanders. A bypass starter cover could save lives.
-  - Farm tractors should be equipped with emergency lighting. Many tractors do not have functional hazard warning lights. Operating headlights and hazard warning lights provide advance warning for other drivers sharing the road with farm equipment.
-  - Farm equipment should be hitched properly. Farm tractors may become unstable when improper hitching is attempted. Tractor drawbars are designed for towing and take into account the tractor's centre of gravity. Hitching or towing at points other than the drawbar may result in a rear overturn.
-  - Farm tractors should not transport extra passengers. Most farm tractors are designed for one person. Carrying passengers on a tractor is discouraged due to the hazard associated with falling from the tractor or falling into the path of trailing equipment.
-  - Maintain machinery and vehicles properly, particularly braking and ignition systems.
-  - Shut off the tractor engine and set the brakes before you get off.
-  - Use guards on PTOs and other moving machine components.
-  - Wear tighter fitting clothing when you work near PTOs, conveyors, and other moving machinery.
-  - Follow best practices when you handle large animals, especially bulls and horses.
-  - Use a whiteboard or blackboard to let people know where you're working and when you'll be back. Even a short message gives your family peace of mind and goes a long way in reducing your risk if you're stuck in a dangerous situation.