



# STAYING SAFE ON FARMS

Emergency planning  
Electrical Safety  
Farm machinery  
Rebates available

ALIVE & WELL  
ON FARMS

# WHO IS SAFEWORK NSW?

The workplace health and safety regulator in NSW

SafeWork NSW:

- provides advice on improving work health and safety
- issues licences and registration for potentially dangerous work
- conducts investigations into workplace incidents
- makes sure the work health and safety laws in NSW are followed.
- works with industries to improve WH&S across NSW

# Emergency Preparedness/Response



000/112 – Emergency Services



13 20 80 – Essential Energy



13 11 26 – Poisons hotline



13 11 14 – Lifeline



Look up and live



Emergency plus



What 3 words



Dial before you dig



Hazards Near Me NSW

# Remote Work

- Tell another person where you are going and what time you'll be back
- Schedule call back times to home base (Have a "Call in Plan")
- Always carry a first aid kit and water with you
- Carry a mobile phone with you
- Consider installing Cell Fi on your vehicle to improve mobile phone reception
- Consider using a satellite phone
- Have a UHF fitted to your vehicle
- Consider carrying an EPIRB (Emergency position indicating radio beacon) or PLB (Personal Locator Beacon)

# Remote Work


Personal locator beacon



Must be registered with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)

# Emergency Preparedness/Response

SafeWork  
Farm Emergency Card



**Ambulance, Fire, Police:  
Dial 000 from a landline, Dial 112 from a mobile phone**

Property Address: <input type="text"/>	<b>Calmly follow instructions:</b> 1. State what emergency service you require. 2. State your location - include suburb and postcode. 3. Describe the incident and any danger. 4. If someone is injured, give their name, age, describe what's happened, their injuries, responsiveness, any medical conditions, or medications. 5. <b>DO NOT</b> move an injured person(s) unless they are in danger or advised to do so by emergency services. 6. Have a person meet the emergency vehicle at the front gate/designated location. Use vehicle hazard/other lights to indicate entry gate and/or incident site. 7. Notify your employer/manager. <b>Emergency Contacts:</b> SES 132 500 Poisons Information 13 11 26 Healthdirect (24 hour health advice) 1800 022 222 Lifeline 13 11 14 <b>Rural Fire Brigade:</b> <b>Local Police Station:</b> <b>Local Energy Supplier:</b> <b>Emergency UHF Channel:</b>
Suburb: <input type="text"/> Postcode: <input type="text"/>	
Colour of gate/mailbox/fence: <input type="text"/>	
Rural Property Address: <input type="text"/>	
Directions to Front Gate: <input type="text"/>	
GPS Coordinates: Landmark: <input type="text"/> Coordinates: <input type="text"/>	
What2words: <input type="text"/>	
<b>If there is a serious injury, illness, a death or a dangerous incident at a workplace you must report it to SafeWork NSW immediately on 13 10 60 you may be required to preserve the site until an Inspector has responded.</b>	
<b>Farm Contacts:</b> Name: <input type="text"/> Contact: <input type="text"/> Name: <input type="text"/> Contact: <input type="text"/>	
<b>Neighbours Contacts:</b> Name: <input type="text"/> Contact: <input type="text"/> Name: <input type="text"/> Contact: <input type="text"/>	
First Aid Kits are located: <input type="text"/>	Emergency assembly point: <input type="text"/>

## Consideration should be given to:

- buddy systems
- workplace layout and design
- movement records
- training, information and instruction
- first aid in the workplace
- communication systems

Emergency Plan



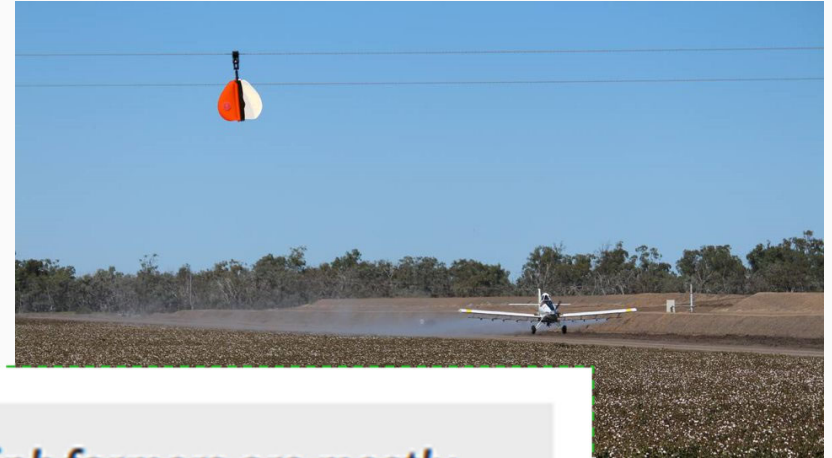
Remote and isolated workers



# Electrical Safety on Farms

## Risks:

- Above ground assets
- Below ground assets (dial before you dig)
- Older sheds with no RCD protection
- Electrical equipment - shearing, handheld devices, extension leads
- Electric fences



*'I think farmers are mostly aware, but when they have done the same behaviour 999 times, it doesn't seem unsafe.'*

**BROADACRE FARMER, NSW**





## Safety around your farm vehicle

- All-Terrain Vehicles (SSVs and Quad Bikes)
- Tractors
- Telehandlers
- Utes
- 2-wheel bikes
- Forklifts
- Trucks



# Tips to stay safe around machinery



- Consult and train workers
- Plan the work
- Do you have exclusion zones? Separate people and plant
- Take your time
- Always switch off a machine and remove the key before undertaking any maintenance
- Follow the suppliers/manufacturers instructions
- Ensure tractors are fitted with rollover protection structures
- Check that all machine danger points are guarded
- Use safety gear (PPE) e.g.: helmets
- Communicate and let others know where you're working
- Working alone? Carry a mobile or two-way radio





# Rebates



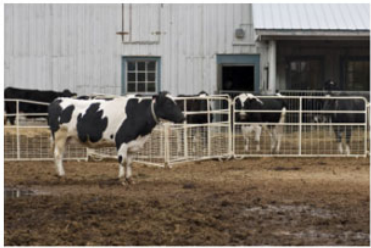
**Quad Bike Safety Rebate**  
Expired on June 30, 2023

**Small Business Rebate** (up to \$1000 towards safety solutions for their business).

Eligible to small employers and sole traders who have an ABN and less than 50 employees. Charities and Not for Profits can also apply

Applied more than 5 years ago? Now eligible to apply again.

# Rebate ideas



Example of livestock sliding segregating gate

- Sliding segregation gate for livestock
- Cattle crush
- Lamb marking cradle
- Head bales



Example of rollover protection on a tractor

- Rollover protective structures
- Side access steps or platforms
- Safety bar for wool press



Example of emergency stop switch

- Machine guarding
- Emergency stop switches
- Power take-off guards



Examples of Operator Protective Devices for Quad Bikes

- Quad Bar Flexi
- ATV Lifeguard



Example of safe forklift

- Warning and safety lights
- Corner vision or convex mirrors
- Cameras, sensors and alarms
- Pedestrian crossing, safety cones, barricades



# SafeWork NSW Resources

- Free advisory visits
- Workshops and presentations
- Small Business Rebate
- Tools
- Videos
- Incident Information Releases
- Free training
- Young worker e-toolkit
- Speak up app
- Events

## Contact SafeWork NSW

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# Questions

