

A colorful illustration of a farm scene. In the background, there are rolling green hills, a blue sky with white clouds and birds, and a farm building with a red roof. In the foreground, there are various farm animals: a brown cow, a white goat, a pink pig, a white duck, a white rabbit, a brown chicken, a yellow chicken, and a brown horse. A wooden fence runs across the middle ground. The text is centered in a white box with a black border.

Farm and Ranch Safety is NO Accident!

A farm or ranch is a great place to learn and have fun. However, it is a place to work, not a place to play. Many dangers exist on farms and ranches, so it's important to remain safe at all times.

Visitors must respect the farmer or rancher and obtain permission to visit. Remember, a farm or ranch is often personal property owned by the farmer or rancher.

1. Listen and follow the farmer's or rancher's rules. Stay away from areas that are fenced off or are marked off limits.
2. Many children and adults do not realize dangerous situations that may exist on the farm or ranch. Be aware of your surroundings. Sometimes things that look like fun can hurt you.
 - Play away from chemicals
 - Climb on swings, not on tractors and farm machinery
 - Climbing on bales of hay or straw could lead to falls
 - Climbing on piles of grain, including grains stored in bins and wagons, can be dangerous and lead to accidents
 - Feed is for the animals, so don't play with it
3. Avoid contact with ponds, manure pits and waterways which may lead to drowning
4. Farm animals are not pets. They are large and move quickly, so be alert around them.
5. Wear proper clothing such as closed-toed shoes: avoid loose-fitting, baggy clothes. Scarves and dangling items, such as jewelry and loose strings around your neck, can be hazardous on the farm.
6. After visiting a farm or ranch or petting an animal, thoroughly wash your hands.

*A farm or ranch visit can be a great educational experience.
Have a safe and enjoyable visit!*

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