

# Farm Risk Management - Equipment and Vehicle Operation

Vehicles that aren't used or maintained properly are a risk not just to others on the road, but anyone behind the wheel or even near a vehicle. Tractor and highway-related accidents account for 49% of agricultural fatalities each year.



## Equipment Safety

- ✓ Seat belts, rollover protection, and guards can help prevent 40% of farm machinery injuries.
- ✓ Keep auger, PTO, and other protections in place whenever possible.
- ✓ Don't jump off equipment.
- ✓ Keep steps and platforms clear of debris.

## Fires

- ✓ Clean chaff/trash off equipment, particularly combines. A leaf blower can be used to quickly clean up when you stop to refuel or rest.
- ✓ Carry at least one 4A60BC fire extinguisher on the machine at all times.

## Off-Road Equipment Operation

- ✓ Be aware of your terrain and surroundings.
- ✓ Wear seat belts at all times.

## Operate Safely On Roads

- ✓ Scan your surroundings and look for signs of distracted driving in others.
- ✓ Monitor for people passing in front or from behind. Be prepared to react if they have not provided enough room.
- ✓ Maintain proper following distance and provide additional space in poor weather or limited visibility conditions.
- ✓ Buckle up and avoid distractions.

Check out our [Safety Tips page](#) for more safety information.

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