

FARM SAFETY

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NEW RESOURCES FOR SCHOOL KIDS ON FARM SAFETY

School students in years 5, 6 and 7 have access to farm safety resources targeted directly at them with the launch of a new Primary Producers SA project.

PPSA's Farm Safety For Kids project, launched at Mount Compass Area School in April 2023, identifies some of the key risks on dairy, grain, livestock, horticulture, viticulture and forestry properties and assists teachers, students and their families in having open and honest conversations about farm safety.

A suite of curriculum-linked videos and supporting education resources have been developed as part of Farm Safety For Kids with guidance from Farmsafe Australia, SafeWork SA, KidSafe SA and the PPSA commodity groups.

PPSA CEO Caroline Rhodes said providing safety information and practical strategies for children visiting or living on farms is a powerful tactic to help achieve the goal of farm safety for all.

"PPSA is committed to promoting agriculture in schools to ensure awareness of primary production in South Australia and the role our industry plays in producing sustainable and nutritious produce for our communities in a safe manner," she said.

"We worked with South Australian schools to develop key messages, and students from those schools feature in the videos to deliver those messages about farm safety. Feedback from schools indicated that kids teaching kids (peer to peer learning) was important, making language accessible, and setting a clear message on protecting your mates."

The most prominent message throughout the video series which has also been embedded into the other resources is protect your people.

Another key message that the resources consistently reinforce is the importance of the 4Ps: pair up and plan; pause and practice; play in safe areas, and; pop on your PPE (personal protective equipment).

The Farm Safety For Kids project is delivered by Food and Fibre Education SA (the education arm of AgCommunicators) and funded by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry through the National Farm Safety Education Fund: Improving Farm Safety Practices project.

Download the
resources at
bit.ly/PPSA-FSK

Background

Farms are great places to visit and learn about food and fibre production. However, they can be really dangerous, especially for children.

According to the Safer Farms 2022 Agricultural Injury and Fatality Trend Report "Safer farms, safer farmers" the frightening reality is that since 2001, 222 children have lost their lives on farms.

There are great safety resources for industry and families, but there was a gap in the market for resources aimed at students in the middle years.

Primary Producers SA is proud to present a great new farm safety resource especially produced for students in Years 5, 6 and 7.

Consisting of seven short videos featuring South Australian students filmed on school farms and commercial properties, the farm safety project is a complete teaching package, mapped to the Producing and Implementing sub-strand within Technologies in the Australian Curriculum, with all



required resources, classroom strategies, practical activities and a student booklet.

Each video and teaching sequence showcases farm safety in a different primary production industry: grains, livestock, viticulture, dairy, horticulture and forestry.

These resources have been complemented by 16 school visits across South Australia. These visits involved Lead Ag Teacher Sue Pratt, AgCommunicators, presenting to classes on farm safety and showcasing the resources. This has raised awareness of the farm safety program and ensured schools and teachers utilise the videos, participate in the program and improve their safety practices.

All safety messaging has been checked and approved by Farm Safe Australia, Safe Work SA and Kid Safe SA.



What the students are saying ...



"It made me think about looking after my friends while on a farm, and not being so silly sometimes."

"I need to remind my dad to wear his helmet."

"It was good!"

"We probably shouldn't go so fast on our motorbikes!"

SCHOOL VISITS



Farm Safety For Kids project in numbers



459

students engaged in school visits

16

SCHOOLS VISITED



2

ON-FARM EXCURSIONS



100% of teachers surveyed rated the farm safety session run by Sue Pratt as 'very valuable for my students'



Impact

Sue's session was well organised, well-paced and pitched at the right level for our Year 5/6 students. The video content was a great way to highlight the key messages behind farm safety and overall our students were very engaged in the session.

The children are still talking about some of the aspects of the farm safety presentation - in particular how they thought about the speeds they were riding their motorbikes and about planning with others their route and behaviours.

The easy, usable, online resources and guides for teachers have kept us flowing with confidence and relevant information to share with our students, ensuring it's not just a one-off. A great program and project - THANK YOU.

Students loved it and also so did I. What a great support resource for ag teachers, we are lucky! Stream lining the farm safety message and expectations by providing resources will hopefully mean less accidents in the future on farms.

Likelihood of teachers using some or all of the PPSA farm safety for kids resources at school

30%
LIKELY TO



70%
DEFINITELY WILL

Please rate your students' attitude toward farm safety for kids after the farm safety introductory session

70%

proactive and confident attitude to farm safety for kids

30%

positive interest and awareness of farm safety for kids



8

VIDEOS DEVELOPED



860+

TOTAL VIDEO VIEWS



4

FARM SAFETY POSTERS



2

STUDENT/TEACHER HANDBOOKS

PAIR UP AND PLAN



Work with an adult to talk about what you will be doing on the farm and what the rules are for that farm such as where you can go and what you can do.

Always have adult supervision when you are on the farm.



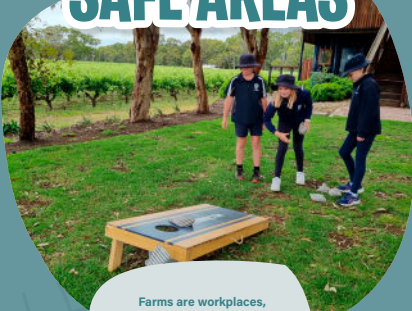
PAUSE AND PRACTICE



Stop and think before you do anything on the farm. Make sure you have learned the safe way to be involved and practiced the skills you need.



PLAY IN SAFE AREAS

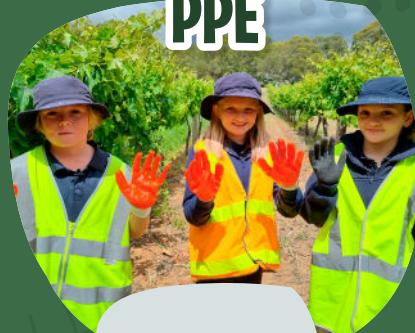


Farms are workplaces, not playgrounds.

Only play in safe areas with secure fencing, away from water, machinery and other hazards.



POP ON PPE



Personal protective equipment (PPE) can help to make you easier to see and protect you from harm.



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