

Farm Yard & Field Safety

Objective

In this lesson we will be introducing the children to the theme of farm safety. Helping them to recognise key hazards around a typical farm yard and fields.



Preparing for a farm visit – *What to know before you go!*

Before visiting a farm, ask the children the following questions and create the 'Farm Visit Checklist'.

- a. **Who are you going with?**
 - a. Mention the importance of visiting with a grown up
 - b. Reinforce the message 'We never visit a farm alone'
 - c. What grown up do we visit with? (parents, grandparent, aunt or uncle)
- b. **What kind of farm are you visiting?**
 - a. Speak about the different kinds of farms there are.
 - b. What will you see on these farms?
 - c. What kind of dangers might there be on the farm you are visiting?
 - i. Animals
 - ii. Machinery
 - iii. Chemicals
- c. **Are there big jobs planned on the farm that day?**
 - a. If so explain why we don't visit farms on these busy days.
- d. **What will you wear?**
 - a. Your boots (not roller skates, or high heels, or hee-lies!!)
 - b. A coat if it is cold or rainy
 - c. A hi vis vest
- e. **What kind of warning signs you will see?**

See if children are aware that there are various signs they may see while on the farm. Do they know what the colours and the symbols mean? At this point we lead into the next stage of the discussion.

1. Know the safety signs

Show the children the following chart and using their hands help them illustrate what the signs are telling us!

Eg. When a sign is blue, it is mandatory. **When it's blue - You have to do**



Circle with a diagonal bar
Red
- White contrast



Red: Means No



Square / Rectangle
Green
- White contrast



Green: Means Go



Blue circle
Blue - White contrast



When it's blue, you have to!



Triangle
Yellow - Black contrast



Yellow: Caution, warning, Be Careful!

2. Electricity

Were do you use electricity in your house? Tip: does it have a wire or a plug? Where you might use electricity in your house:

- Television
- Lights
- Heating
- Cooking
- Video games
- Chargers for devices

Now ask the children if they can think of any more.

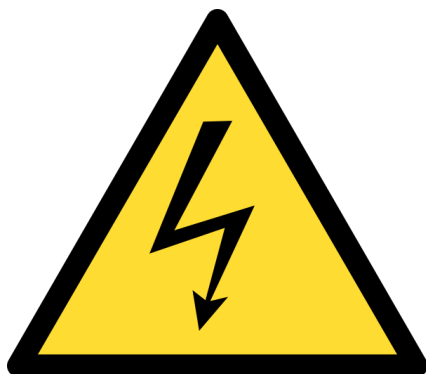
- Where on a farm would a farmer use electricity?
- Fences
- Animal clippers (sheep and horses).
- Lights in sheds
- Heat lamps for lambs and calves
- Incubation for baby chicks
- Dairy parlour

Staying safe

Remind the children that we can get a nasty shock if we are not safe around electricity and explain what we can do:

- Look out for warning signs
- Never touch wires in fields or otherwise in case they are electrified
- Never touch plug sockets and if you see any uncovered tell mammy and daddy to switch them off or to cover them.

Electricity warning signs you will see



Suggested activities

- Download and colour in the safety signs on www.agrikidsambassador.ie
- Learn the hand signals for warning signs!
- Watch the ESB Networks video on electricity safety
- Mark in school the areas or appliances that use electricity
- Do the electricity safety activity in the workbook.