



SAFETY ALERT

Entanglement

WHAT HAPPENED?

Media recently reported that a farm worker's leg got trapped in a feed-out wagon being towed by a tractor. According to reports, it took an hour to free him from the machine, and he was flown to hospital with serious injuries.

The exact details of the incident aren't known, but this Safety Alert has been issued to raise awareness of entanglement sources on farm such as PTO's, belts, pumps, conveyors, grain crushers rollers, balers, augers, exposed gears, or any other exposed moving parts.

HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

When operating farm machinery always:

- Avoid wearing loose fitting clothing, drawstrings, longhair can get caught in machinery
- Keep three points of contact while mounting or dismounting
- Avoid blockages
- Ensure machinery has power off before attempting to clear blockages or carrying out maintenance
- Ensure guards and shields are in place
- Perform regular maintenance and cleaning
- Ensure the operator has sufficient skills and judgement to operate the equipment
- If working with another person arrange a method to do the task safely
- If working alone, don't undertake a task that requires two people. Ensure a nominated person knows what you are doing and when you should be back



Share this video with your teams as a timely reminder of safe practice:
[Three ways to avoid entanglement](#)



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CONVERSATIONS WORTH HAVING:



What machinery risks do we have on our farm?

What do we have in place to prevent entanglement?



Are we doing maintenance regularly of our machinery?

What PPE and training do we need to operate machinery safely?



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