

CHILDREN AND RURAL LIVING

Information and Picture Sources:

National Safety Council

Georgia Healthy Farmers Program

SAFE Kids of Georgia

1. The number one cause of death to children in Georgia is MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, DROWNING is second, and FIREARM accidents are third.
2. Children account for 20 percent of all injury-related farm fatalities.
3. An ATV is not a toy. Children should not be permitted to operate an ATV without specialized training.
4. Do not operate ATV's on streets, highways, or paved roads (all ages)
5. Make sure children are old enough, responsible, and well trained to operate field equipment. Allow them time to practice under adult guidance and keep them under close supervision.
6. Children on bikes should wear a safety helmet
7. Keep first aid kit and phone handy for emergencies. In rural settings, help may take longer to arrive.



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SAFETY TIPS FOR FARM EQUIPMENT

PTO SAFETY



TRACTOR SAFETY



ROAD TRAVEL SAFETY



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PTO SAFETY TIPS

1. Keep all PTO shielding in-place
2. Repair or replace damaged shielding
3. NEVER step over a PTO driveline
4. Wear close fitting clothing and keep loose hair under a cap or tied back
5. Disengage PTO before dismounting from tractor
6. Keep children and non-workers clear of operating machinery
7. Inspect the PTO regularly and provide proper maintenance to keep it operating smoothly



Above: This PTO shaft is dangerous!!

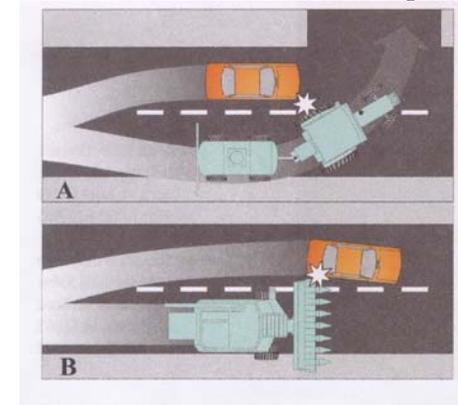
TRACTOR SAFETY TIPS

1. If not equipped, retrofit ROPS onto tractors
2. Use seatbelts with ROPS.
3. Do not allow “extra riders”, especially children
4. Shut down equipment, turn off engine, remove key and wait for moving parts to stop before dismounting
5. Make sure everyone who operates a tractor has received training and is physically able to operate equipment safely
6. Read operator’s manual and pay attention to warning decals
7. Use caution when operating a tractor on any slope
8. Hitch only to the drawbar and hitch points recommended by tractor manufacturers



ROAD TRAVEL SAFETY TIPS

1. Use Slow Moving Vehicle Emblem
2. Use retro-reflective tape on the sides and back of farm vehicles on the highway
3. ALWAYS wear your seat belt when traveling on the highway
4. Use caution when turning left, some motorists may try to pass
5. Utilize pilot vehicles
6. Be aware of road conditions, especially curves, hills, crossroads, and bridges



A. Agricultural Machines , must often move to right before making left turn

B. Agricultural vehicles are wide and often encroach into other lanes.