

Farm safety charter



In 2010, agriculture became the most dangerous industry in the country, based on fatalities per worker. Over the last ten years, 455 people have died on British farms. This equates to almost one death every week. In the same period, 1,700 people were seriously injured on farm.

As leaders of organisations representing agricultural, horticultural, forestry and allied industries, we recognise our responsibilities to show leadership and promote safe systems of work within all sectors of the industry.

We agree on the need to:

- Provide leadership on safety, challenging traditional attitudes to risk.
- Ensure that a regard to safety runs throughout all of the messages we give and the decisions and positions we take on all issues.
- Demonstrate that a good safety record is proof of a professional and modern industry showing that safer working is good business practice.
- Build on the work done over the years by the HSE, using the experience, resource and knowledge base of the HSE to support rather than deliver the messages.
- Work within our own spheres of influence to bring about a change in culture, attitude and behaviour towards farm safety, while coordinating messages and priorities across the industry.

Therefore, we, the undersigned organisations declare that we are committed to working together for a safer farming industry and aspire to consistently reduce the numbers of fatalities and injuries caused to farmers, farm staff and all others who come into contact with farm activities.

We hope that our efforts and commitment to work in partnership with government and other industries and organisations will provide meaningful benefits on tackling farm safety and we strongly encourage others to join us in this endeavour.



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