

# Safety Statement for the Farm of

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Position: \_\_\_\_\_

## Safety Statement outline

This health and safety statement complies with the *Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005* and the *Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations 2007* and covers the following areas

- Mission statement
- Health and Safety arrangement
- Hazard management
- Appendices

## Health & Safety Mission Statement

This safety statement is our programme in writing for managing health & safety on our farm. It is aimed at protecting my self, my employees and visitors from accidents and ill-health while on my premises. I will provide a safe, healthy environment for all who work on or visit my farm. This copy is retained in my farm office for all to view and its contents will be discussed with the relevant people.

Every individual has a duty to take care for their own health and safety and to have due consideration for the health and safety of others. Staff are required to use the safety equipment provided, as directed, report hazards as soon as they are noticed and are encouraged to suggest ways of improving safety.

I will provide and update annually any guards, protective equipment, information, training and supervision necessary to protect those at risk.

## General Health & Safety Arrangements

- Emergency Contact Numbers:

	Name	Phone
Local doctor:		
Hospital:		
Fire brigade:		
Owner / manager:		
County Council:		
EPA:		

- **Accident**

- In the case of an accident stabilise the victim
- Get assistance from other staff
- Seek medical help as required – see emergency numbers
- In the case of accidental injection bring the label of the drug bottle along if seeking medical attention
- In case of eye contamination, wash out eye immediately with clean water and bring contamination label along if seeking medical attention
- In the case of electrocution, switch over power supply if possible before helping victim. Otherwise use a dry plastic or wooden object to push the victim away from the source

- **Fire:**

1. In the case of fire

- Raise the alarm, contact fire brigade if necessary
- Evacuate staff to assembly point, check all staff are present
- Fight the fire - only if safe to do so
- If not, do not allow anyone to re-enter the buildings for any reason

2. Routine Fire prevention

Inspection	Frequency	Person responsible	Date Checked	Date Checked
Fire drill	Annually			
Fire equipment	Annually	Specialist company		
Electrical	Min Annually	R.E.C.I. Electrician		
House keeping / tidiness	Monthly			
Check water reservoir	Monthly			

- **First Aid Box**

	Person responsible	Frequency	Date Checked	Date Checked	Date Checked
Renew materials		Monthly			

- **Bullying / Harassment**

This farm recognises bullying/ harassment as repeated inappropriate behaviour, direct or indirect, verbal, physical or otherwise, conducted by one or more people against another in the course of work. Any person who feels they are being bullied or harassed should promptly inform management and the issue will be investigated immediately.

- **Pregnancy** In the case of pregnancy it is in the interest of the employee to inform management as soon as possible in order to ensure that she is not exposed to any risks.

- **New staff / sub-contractors**

	Person responsible	Frequency	Last Delivered	Last Delivered	Last Delivered
Safety briefing		Before work commences			

# Hazard Management

## Categories of hazard

The following are the principal hazards found on this farm:

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|---|----------------------|
| 1. Machinery: Moving / Stationary                     | 7. Manual Handling   |
| 2. Fire / explosion                                   | 8. Chemicals / Drugs |
| 3. Livestock  | 9. Respiratory       |
| 4. Electricity  | 10. Noise            |
| 5. Electrical equipment / tools                       | 11. Disease          |
| 6. Access / transport / heights / building structures |                      |

## Risk assessment

These hazards have been assessed using the following table

Risk Assessment Table				
		Effect		
		Slightly harmful	Harmful	Very harmful
Likelihood	Unlikely	1	2	3
	Likely	2	4	6
	Very Likely	3	6	9

**Rating =**

- 1 – 2 : Low risk
- 3 – 4 : Medium risk
- 6 – 9 : High Risk

### 1. Machinery

Hazard	Risk	Control measures	Date checked
Tractor PTO	High	Attach guard & inspect regularly for damage or removal	
Delivery lorries	High	Skilled operatives No children on site Clear signage	
Slurry tankers	High	Skilled operatives Never leave operating machinery unattended	
Tractors	High	Skilled operatives only Children prohibited from travelling Ensure regular maintenance checks	
Hydraulics	High	Skilled operatives Children prohibited Only operate from tractor cab	
Slurry agitators	High	Skilled operatives Children prohibited	

## 2. Fire / explosion

Hazard	Risk	Control measures	Date checked
Fire	High	Electrical points & fittings fitted & inspected annually by RECI qualified personnel Fire points established Extinguishers suitable & available Regular fire drills	
Gas tanks	High	Annual inspection by Flogas Technical Rep	

## 3. Livestock

Hazard	Risk	Control measures	Date checked
Boars	High	Secure penning Skilled operatives only Proper driving boards Reduced use due to AI	
Farrowing sows	Medium	Secure farrowing crates Skilled operatives Care and attention at handling Proper driving boards	
Moving pigs	Medium	Proper driving boards Skilled operatives only Good lighting and flooring	

## 4. Electricity

Hazard	Risk	Control measures	Date checked
Power points	High	RECI installed and serviced	
Light fittings	High	RECI installed and serviced	
Cables & power leads	High	RECI approved Damaged fittings replaced	
Sockets	High	IP 44 Standard, RCD'S Fitted to all	

## 5. Electrical equipment / tools

Hazard	Risk	Control measures	Date checked
Power washers	Medium	Skilled operatives only Protective goggles	
Angle grinders	High	Skilled operatives only Protective gloves & glasses Do not use near tank level if they are full	
Welders	Medium	Skilled operatives only Protective goggles & gloves Do not use near tank level if they are full	
Drills	Medium	Skilled operatives only Protective goggles Replace worn cables	
Blow torches	Medium	Skilled operatives only As above keep in secure storage when not in use	

## 6. Access / transport/ heights/ building structures

Hazard	Risk	Control measures	Date checked
Premises access /egress	Medium	Ensure sufficient lighting Proper signage visible	
Uncovered tanks	High	Secure surrounds Cover	N/a
Silage pits	Medium	Skilled operatives only Delegate responsibility to mature person at filling time	N/a
Roof & gutter maintenance	High	Skilled operatives only Secured ladders only	
Doors & fittings	Medium	Continual maintenance programme initiated	
Ladders	Medium to high	Skilled operatives only Secured fitting while work in progress	
Feed bin cleaning	Medium	Skilled operatives only Supervision Secured fitting while work in progress	

## 7. Manual Handling

Hazard	Risk	Control measures	Date checked
Lifting feed bags	Medium	Replace by mechanical means where possible Assess weight and get assistance if required before attempting lift	

## 8. Chemicals / Drugs

Hazard	Risk	Control measures	Date checked
Detergents	Low to medium	Skilled operatives only Lock up when not in use	
Disinfectants	Low to medium	Skilled operatives only Educate staff to handle safely & use at correct rates Provide goggles & gloves Store securely	
Vaccination / medication	Low to medium	Skilled operatives only Educate staff to handle safely & use at correct rates	
Hormonal injections	Medium	Should not be administered by females	

## 9. Respiratory

Hazard	Risk	Control measures	Date checked
Dust	Medium to high	Masks provided at critical times & locations, grower /finisher houses, hay sheds, bin inspection / cleaning Skilled operatives only	
Power washing	Medium	Masks provided Skilled operatives only	
Pollen	Low / medium	Tractor operatives provided with masks	

## 10. Noise

<b>Hazard</b>	<b>Risk</b>	<b>Control measures</b>	<b>Date checked</b>
Power washing	Medium	Ear muffs provided	
Feed delivery	Medium	Ear muffs for own staff if working close to feed delivery occasions	
Stock noise	Medium	Provide good loading facilities & stock control passages Ear muffs provided	
Feeding time noise	Low	Automatic feeding in all sow housing Grower / finishers all adlib feed Ear muffs provided	
Tractor engine	Medium	Low noise cabs fitted Ear muffs provided at slurry tanker filling	

## 11. Disease

<b>Hazard</b>	<b>Risk</b>	<b>Control measures</b>	<b>Date checked</b>
Weils disease	High	Rodent control programme on farm	
Farmer's lung	High	Silage feeding Hay & straw bales properly stored Masks provided Risks highlighted	
Salmonella / E. Coli.	Medium	Ensure proper personal hygiene All eating and drinking in canteen area only Proper hygiene and storage of human foodstuffs in canteen	
Accidental injection	Medium	Skilled operatives only Education on correct procedures and corrective action	

## Appendices

The following information is attached and forms part of this health and safety statement

Find attached

1. Material Safety Data sheets
2. Drug bottle labels
3. Detergent labels
4. Next of kin contact numbers
5. Previous HSA inspection reports
6. Health + Safety information leaflets

# Pre-Employment Survey

## Health Questionnaire

	Yes	No
1. Do you have any health problems that may have been caused by work?		
2. Do you have any health problems that you think may affect your performance or safety in work?		
3. Do you have any problems with hearing?		
4. Do you have any problems with your eyesight (not corrected with spectacles/contact lenses)?		
5. Have you had any skin problems e.g. eczema, recurrent skin infections, allergic rashes?		
6. Have you ever suffered from blackouts, faints or fits?		
7. Have you ever had any mental health problems (including anxiety, depression, nervous breakdown, stress, self-harm, eating disorders, addictions)?		
8. Do you have any health problems that cause you difficulty with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• sitting</li><li>• standing</li><li>• moving around</li><li>• bending, lifting or carrying</li></ul>		
9. Are you waiting for any investigations, treatment or admission to hospital?		
10. Do you have any other medical conditions not mentioned above?		
11. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?		

## Health and Safety Statement

I have read and understood the Health and Safety statement for this unit and agree to abide by it at all times.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_