



Health & safety on tillage farms

- Tillage Farms – Injury
71% Increase
(Teagasc, NFS: 2018)
- Over last 15 years, 19 farm deaths occurred on Tillage farms
- Manage Farm Health and Safety by Completing a Risk Assessment

NFS Tillage Farm –Injury Data (%)



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Emptying big bags safely

- Check machine safety e.g. hand-brakes, hoses, linkages
- Ensure bag is safe
- Loosen fertiliser in bag base before unloading- gently move up & down loader
- Always stand to one side of spreader/bag
- Use long knife on pole to open bag
- Open narrow slit to control flow



Use a knife with a long handle to cut the bag. Never walk under suspended load.

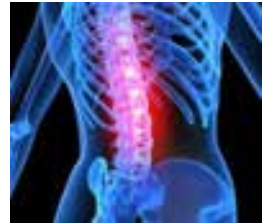
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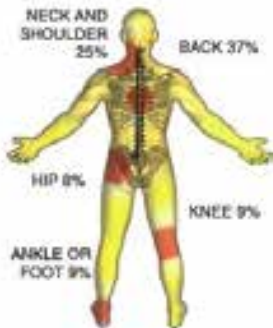
Prevent low back pain

- 37% of Farmers have low back pain
- Avoid heavy lifting
- Prevent trips and falls –Tidy farmyards
- Training in Manual Handling

Debilitating spinal injury



Musculoskeletal injury among Irish farmers



Use mechanical aids



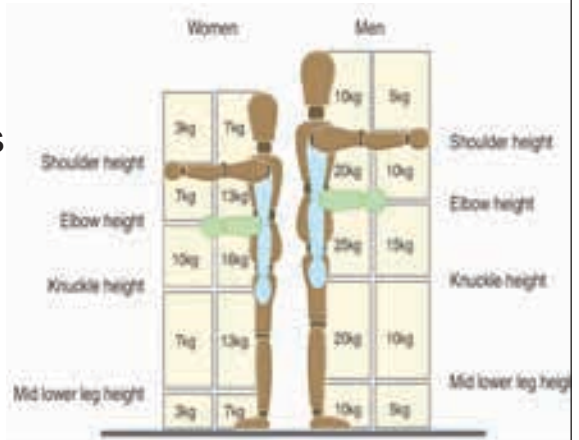
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The lifting challenge

- Check the weight **before** you lift
- Estimate the weights of objects

H.S.A. maximum lifting guidelines



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