

FARM VEHICLES, 2 AND 4 WHEELED MOTORBIKES

CARS, UTES AND TRUCKS

A number of accidents have involved vehicles colliding with an object or rolling, with unrestrained passengers being thrown from the vehicle or crushed. This is a common problem involving young people 15-24 years and includes passengers riding in the tray of utes, trucks and trailers during recreational activities such as hunting, mustering or skylarking. Young children under five years are also at risk of runover falling from utes or as pedestrians.

- Do not allow children, young people or adults to ride in the tray of utes, trailers or trucks**
- Ensure seatbelts are fitted and used in all cars, utes and trucks and that everyone is instructed to use them
- Set speed limits for all vehicles on farm and for areas near the house where children may be located. A securely fenced house yard can help prevent young children wandering into vehicle areas
- Keep all farm vehicles, motorbikes and quad bikes well maintained. Many accidents have been caused by non functioning brakes, suspension and worn tyres
- Check the tyre pressures regularly. Do not over inflate tyres. Check the Operator's Manual for proper inflation
- Have a "No drink and drive" policy that includes drugs

SAFETY BEHAVIOURS

Vehicle safety checks, skills development and use of safety equipment needs to be second nature.

- Make sure all riders are trained to safely operate farm motorbikes and vehicles
- Conduct a safety check on all farm vehicles and motorbikes before starting work
- Always wear an approved helmet and sturdy workboots when riding farm motorbikes (including quad bikes)**
- Always wear seatbelts in vehicles on the farm and follow speed restrictions
- Make sure children are trained and supervised when riding two-wheeled motorbikes; and that these are an appropriate size. (Can they lift the bike from the ground unassisted and reach the ground with their feet when astride the bike?)

For farm safety checklists and other information on farm safety risks and controls, go to)

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