

Farm vehicles including utilities, 4 wheel drive vehicles and trucks, are used on most Australia farms.

Vehicles are associated with an alarming number of deaths and serious injury of people living and working on farms.



## Seat belts save lives on farms too!





#### Think about safety when:

- Driving around the farm
- Mustering livestock
- Supervising farm work
- Doing farm inspections
- Carrying and towing equipment
- Transporting grain and livestock
- Spraying weeds

these websites for further information:

Farmsafe Australia www.farmsafe.org.au

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### VEHICLES ARE A COMMON CAUSE OF DEATH AND INJURY ON FARMS.

People die on Australian farms because they are not properly restrained in vehicles.

Many deaths occur when drivers and passengers are thrown from vehicles during a crash because they are not wearing seat belts.

Deaths and serious injury also happens to people who fall off the back of utilities and truck trays. This can happen just with a jolt or a crash.

All these deaths and injuries are preventable.

No one wants to see a serious vehicle injury on their farm. Here are some rules to prevent injury or death for people in farm vehicles.

#### **RESTRAINTS**

Using seat belts will save lives on farms.

#### Here are some rules:

- Ensure seat belts and restraints are fitted to all vehicles.
- Ensure that seat belts and restraints are worn at all times in farm vehicles.
- Children up to 7 years need to be restrained in an approved child restraint or booster seat (visit www.rta.nsw.gov.au).
- Start good habits with kids when they are young and 'buckle up front and back' should be the rule.
- Always wear a seat belt yourself. Make it a habit to put your seat belt on as soon as you get into the vehicle.

#### NO RIDING ON THE BACK

Never allow people to ride on the back of utes or trucks.

 If you need to carry more people, take a second vehicle, it could be useful in an emergency.

#### **PLAN AHEAD**

- When you're buying your next ute, think about your passenger needs. Perhaps an extended cab to carry those extra passengers would keep them safe.
- Keep your seat belts and vehicles well maintained.

