

MACHINERY SAFETY



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Machinery related accidents account for nearly 1 in 10 deaths in farming each year. Many accidents occur because somebody has been in contact with a moving part which has either been left running, has not been fully turned off or has been restarted.

Machines must be properly maintained, guarded and functioning and people should be properly trained in their use before they work with them.



When using machinery, remember the following safety tips:

- Check that it is suitable and safe for the job that needs doing
- Regularly inspect equipment
- Make sure that you are fully trained on using machinery/equipment safely.
- PTO shaft guards should be made to a recognised standard (e.g BS EN ISO 5674). They must be the correct size and length for the shaft and must not rotate.
- Make sure equipment is fit for purpose, used and maintained properly.
- Before attempting any maintenance work on a machine – whether in the workshop or in the field – make sure it is safe to work on by following the 'Safe Stop' Procedure:
 - Handbrake on.
 - Controls in neutral.
 - Engine off and remove key.
- Wear appropriate protective clothing and equipment

Visitors **must** be notified of any potential hazards – you have a legal duty to ensure they remain safe while on-farm.

Make sure that you and your employees are adequately trained and competent to use machinery. For advice on training contact Lantra on 01982 552646



**ALWAYS SWITCH OFF
MACHINERY WHEN
NOT IN USE AND
REMOVE THE KEY.**

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