



For the Farmer

Safety Elements to Consider Visitor Information

INSURANCE

- Find out what activities you are covered for and plan accordingly
- Students may be covered through their schools
- You may want to ask teachers to provide a letter from the school or school board saying the schools liability insurance covers students during field trips



HEALTH

- Be aware that students can contract illnesses from animals such as leptospirosis, ringworm and diarrhoea
- Ensure students wash their hands after touching animals during farm visit



SAFETY

- Farms need to have a map of all the water hazards on the property – river creeks, troughs, dips, tanks, dams and ponds. Water also poses the risk of burns, especially in the dairy shed where hot water is used
- It is the responsibility of the adults to ensure all dangerous chemicals used on the farm are stored away safely, out of reach of the students
- Keep doors shut or locked so students can't get anywhere they're not supposed to
- Put away any dogs that are not completely student friendly and safe
- Before the visit, talk to the teacher about how much the students know about dairy farming

VEHICLES AND MACHINERY

- Spare tractor wheels should be tied to a wall or left lying flat so they can't topple over and crush a child
- **All farm machinery has the potential to cause harm and should only be operated by adults.** Guards could have perforations small enough for student's hands to get through. Workshops need to be kept locked and all machinery should have appropriate safety guards
- Make sure it is safe to reverse farm vehicles. The best way to do this is to walk around the vehicle and ensure students are a safe distance away before starting the engine
- Students do not ride on tractors or on the back of utes
- Remove keys from doors and vehicles, and never leave vehicles unattended with the motor running

