



For the Teacher

Age Group Factors to be Considered when Visiting a Farm

	Characteristics	Typical risks	Protective measures
Toddler Preschooler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to understand cause and effect • Illogical 'magic' thinking • Fascinated by movement or moving parts • May love to climb • Curious 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drinking or eating poison • Falling off farm equipment or farm vehicle • Potential to drown from falling into effluent pond or sumps • Wandering on to trafficked roads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careful supervision • Physical barriers such as locks and fences • Safe distances • Prohibiting riding on farm machinery
Junior Primary (age 5-9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inconsistent use of logic • Wishes to appear competent • Wants adult approval • Not aware of realistic dangers – more fearful of kidnapping or war than farm accident (which is more likely) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livestock kicks or crushing • Entanglement in farm machinery • Falling out of tractor or farm vehicle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent rules • Discussion of safe behaviour • Assignment of simple farm chores, with careful supervision • Use of appropriate safety gear
Senior Primary (age 10-13)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater physical and mental skills • Physical development may out strip mental or emotional maturity • Wants social and peer acceptance • Wishes to practice new skills without constant adult supervision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating machinery designed for adults • Being struck by car while riding bicycle • Falling (e.g. from a ladder) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent rules, with consequences for infractions and rewards for safe behaviour • Use of appropriate safety gear • Age-appropriate tasks and responsibilities • Specific education on farm hazard avoidance
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