

FARM SAFETY

during harvest

Tractor Accidents

Most tractor highway accidents occur:

- During planting and harvesting seasons
- Between 3 pm and 6 pm
- Where posted speed limits are greater than 50 mph
- Most caused because of the excessive speed of other vehicles

Safe operation on highways includes:

- Makes sure the tractor is safe to drive (steering, brakes, etc.)
- Make tractor visible to other drivers (SMV emblem, flashers, lights)
- Drive at controllable speeds
- Stay off of soft shoulders



Grain Bin Engulfment

- Grain inside a bin can form a crust on top, that when broken can engulf a person in a matter of seconds
- Never enter a grain bin without proper lifeline support
- Always let coworkers know when you enter a grain bin

Baling & Stacking

- Allow hay to dry sufficiently before baling
- Uncured hay will cause temperature to increase in bales or hay stacks, resulting in spontaneous combustion
- Provide adequate ventilation around hay stacks to avoid overheating
- Keep hay stacks at least 100 feet from buildings and don't park tractors near stacks



PTO Safety

- Replace all damaged or missing PTO shields and drive shaft covers
- Wear tight-fitted clothing
- Put up hair
- Remove all jewelry
- Don't climb over or under drive shafts



Preventing Run-over Accidents

- Only start a tractor while sitting in the seat
- Don't disable safety switches
- Place guard on starter terminals to prohibit bypassing
- Always set parking brake before dismounting
- Look for bystanders before starting the tractor



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