

For the parent - Family farm safety

Message for the parent/s

At school today the class learnt about safety on farms.

Sadly, each year about 30 Australian children are killed in farm accidents, while 575 are admitted to hospital with injuries received on farms. Many of these accidents are preventable.

Using materials developed by WorkSafe, the class teacher taught pupils about the most dangerous situations for them on a farm.

You can reinforce these important safety messages by asking your child to explain to you what they learnt about:

- > small children (those under five) playing near dams, creeks or tanks
- > tractor safety
- > staying well back when machinery is being moved or operated
- > the dangers of ATVs and farm bikes
- > changes you can make on the farm to make it safer for your children

and by helping them complete the activity sheets.

This pamphlet contains the key points taught in class and illustrations to help your child recognise hazardous situations.

Thank you for supporting family farm safety.

For more information on farm safety for children, visit the ThinkSafe Club website at

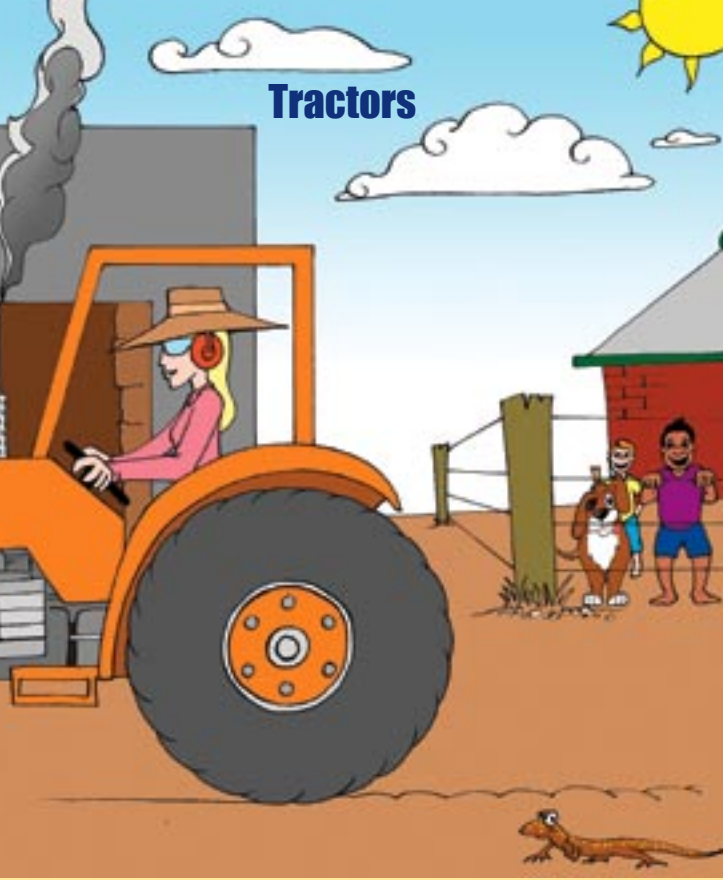
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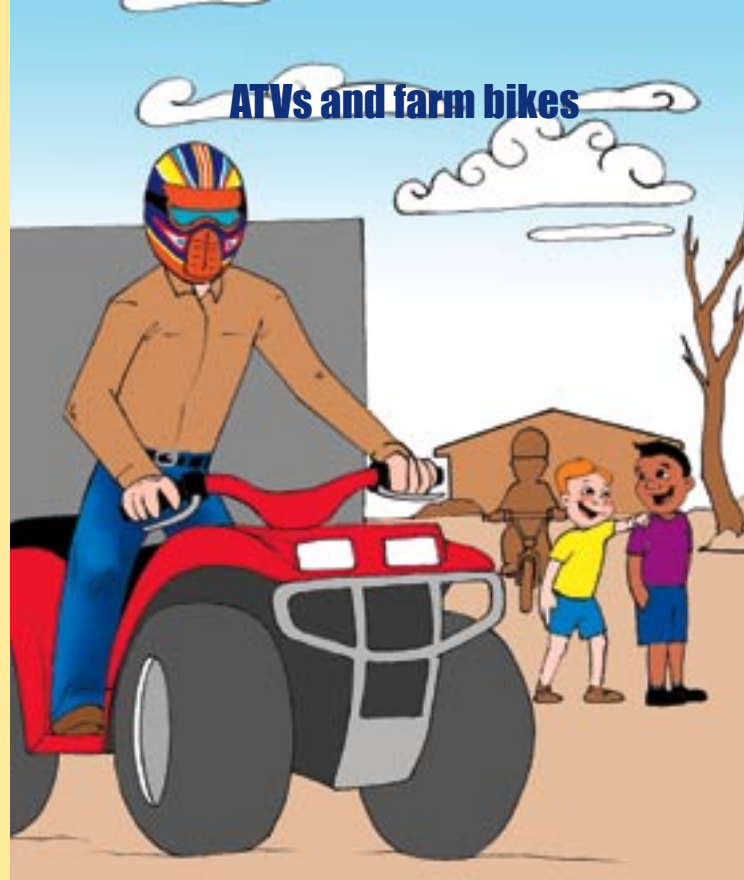
Hazards	Assess the risk	Make the change
Tractors		
Playing behind or near tractors	Likely to be run over and badly hurt or killed by tractor	Always play in safe places away from tractors. If you are near a tractor make sure an adult is close by
Taking passengers on tractors	No seat belt for passengers and they could fall off	Do not ride on tractors
Driving a tractor without a roll bar	If the tractor tipped over the driver could be badly injured	There should be a roll-over protective structure and seat belts on the tractor
Tractor travelling too fast when turning a corner or on uneven surfaces	Can tip over and hurt someone	Reduce speed when turning, crossing slopes and on rough, wet or muddy surfaces
Tractor towing something which is not properly connected	Could become undone and hurt someone	Hitch only to the drawbar or hitchpoints
Tractor parked without putting brake on properly	Could run away and hurt someone	When tractor is stopped, make sure brakes are on properly
Tractor parked with keys left in	A child could come and drive the tractor	Remove the keys
ATVs and farm bikes		
Young and new riders of ATVs, farm bikes	It is likely that young and new riders will fall off or crash They could be badly hurt or kill somebody else	Ask a parent for some training on how to ride safely Make sure an adult is close by when riding an ATV or farm bike Do not allow children under 16 to ride ATVs or farm bikes Drivers should wear safety gear - boots, helmet, long sleeves and pants, gloves etc
Trained farm bike riders speeding or driving unsafely	Likely to crash and fall off. They could be badly hurt or kill somebody else along the way.	Drivers should keep to a safe speed, particularly on rough ground
Dams		
Dams can be deep and slippery around the edges	Could slip in and drown	Always have an adult watching you when swimming
Dirty, murky or poisonous water	Could get very sick if water is dirty or polluted	Gates and fences around dams and wells should be locked
Water could have rocks, branches or dumped rubbish	Could be badly injured or killed if diving into water	Don't jump into murky, dark water
Deep water	Could drown	Know your water safety rules



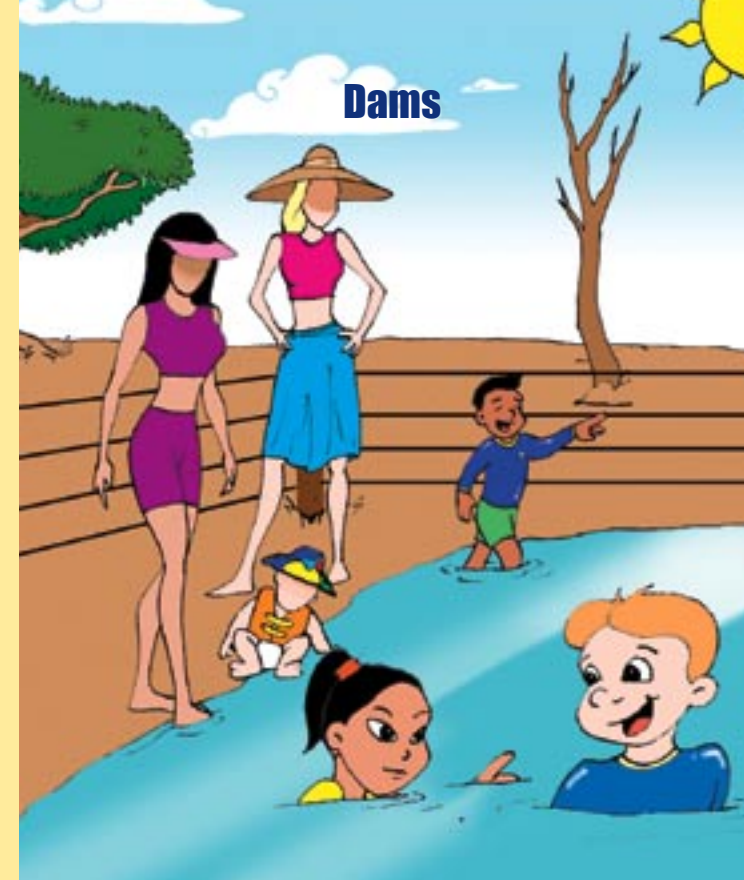
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Dams



Tractors are needed on farms, but can be very dangerous. Many accidents to children happen around tractors. It is important that you are very careful when you are around tractors.

- Always play in safe places away from tractors and farm machinery.
- Don't play behind tractors.
- Children should not ride on tractors.
- If you are near a tractor always make sure an adult is close by.

ATVs and farm bikes are used for work on farms and sometimes just for fun. They can go very fast and be deadly if not handled correctly.

- If you're not 16 don't ride ATVs or farm bikes because you're not big enough or strong enough to operate them safely.
- Drivers should have training and be supervised by an adult until they are experienced.
- Drivers should always wear a correctly fitted motorcycle helmet, long pants, and boots.
- Never take risks such as speeding or performing stunts or tricks when riding an ATV or farm bike.

Dams, creeks, and swimming pools are very dangerous places for children. It is easy to slip and drown.

- Dams are sometimes deeper than they look.
- Even if you're a good swimmer, only swim when an adult is watching you.
- Don't dive into dark, murky water.