

Quick safety scan: Background

This traffic light scan is designed to be done in 30 minutes by any member of the farm team. It can be used initially to set up the farm safety system and then on an ongoing basis to review the system. It is recommended that Quick safety scans are re-done at least once per year.

How to use a Quick safety scan

1. Use the one page Quick safety scan sheet and allocate a staff member to undertake the scan.
2. Instruct the staff member to take 30 minutes to:
 - a. Answer the questions on the scan sheet
 - b. If a hazard is seen, take a photo if appropriate
 - c. Show the completed sheet and photos to the Farm Manager and discuss the hazards and possible solutions
3. Follow up (by the Farm Manager):
 - d. Transfer the hazards to the Action plan and describe the solution
 - e. Organise the actions to be taken

The Farm Safety Manual provides information and templates to assist you to comply with legal requirements and build a positive safety culture in hazard areas. For more information, visit www.thepeopleindairy.org.au/farmsafetymanual

Quads and motorbikes

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Quad bikes are the leading cause of fatalities on farms in Australia with an average of 15 deaths per year. They are also the leading cause of death of children between 5 and 14 years of age on farms. The main causes of death and severe injury are tipping and rollover resulting in crush injury, asphyxia, neck and head injury.

Recent data shows that farmers are increasingly changing to safer vehicles and fitting crush protection devices to quad bikes.

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1. Before a quad bike is used, is there a check of whether it is the safest and most appropriate vehicle for the task?				
2. Are all quad bikes fitted with a crush protective device?				
3. Are all quads and two-wheeled bikes well maintained (including brakes, clutch, lights, tyres, damage to decks, chain and exhaust guards)?				
4. Have all the operators using quads and motorbikes had suitable training?				
5. Are there clear rules that are always followed relating to 'no-one under 16 years of age or passengers' on quad bikes?				
6. Are there clearly designated speed limits and 'no go' zones for quad bikes?				
7. Are motorcycle helmets (rated to the Australian/New Zealand Standard) available and routinely used on quads and motorbikes?				

Person doing Quick safety scan:	Date: / /
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