

Worker's Manual

English



Occupational Health and Safety on the Farm

Induction

Vegetable Growing Industry

HortiSafe



Module 1



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Foreword

This training course has been designed to provide you with an introduction to farm safety and offers you many important safety tips.

Your employer will be working hard to continuously improve Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) around the farm, but this needs your co-operation.

You will be required to complete the training course, and you will be asked to complete a number of exercises to show that you have understood the information in each module.

Once you have completed the course, take the time to review this farm's safety policy which provides a set of safety guidelines in the workplace.

You must follow these safety guidelines at all times while you are on this farm or engaged in the farm's business.



This course is all about YOUR safety and the safety of YOUR workmates.



The maintenance of a safe and healthy workplace is the responsibility of both management and all staff working for the company.

Areas of risk

There are four main areas of risk on a farm

They are:

- the equipment, tools and machinery
- the materials and produce
- the working environment
- your behaviour and attitude

Responsibilities

In contributing to safer working conditions, your responsibilities include:

- The wearing at all times of suitable clothing for the environment in which they are working
- Being aware of maintenance requirements for the equipment they operate
- The recognition and reporting of unsafe conditions and equipment
- Working towards a safety conscious attitude within the workplace

Safety Training

Each year, hundreds of employees are injured on the job.

Many of these injuries can be directly attributed to lack of worker knowledge.

Proper job training is basic to maintaining a safe operation.



*Never assume
that an individual
knows what to do . . . IT
COULD BE FATAL!*

Issues the program will cover

The following course modules will provide you with an overview of specific areas which you will need to be aware of while working on a farm:

1. The Safe Handling of Chemicals
2. Being Sun Smart
3. Noise and Hearing in the Workplace
4. The Safe Operation of Machinery and Tools
5. Manual Handling
6. Slips, Trips and Falls

Your employer requires that you complete this course as he or she is serious about safety on this farm.

If you do not understand any part of the module just ask the supervisor for some assistance.

Benefits of performing tasks correctly

Performing tasks in the correct manner provides benefits such as:

- a reduction in frustration
- improved morale
- increased productivity, and
- a safer workplace

