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## Managing Contractors on the Farm



Contractors and subcontractors can play a big role on your farm. Responsibilities for farm owners and managers extends to the health and safety of everyone who works on the farm - full-time, part-time, casual employees, and can include contractors and their employees.

Contractors need to understand the farm's health and safety program to ensure that the contractor's employees comply with the minimum farm safety standards while they are working on your farm. Farm owners and managers will want to work with contractors to make sure they share a common understanding of the hazards that workers face and how their worksite will be made safe while they attend the farm.

Whenever you hire external contractors, you invite individuals onto your farm who are presumed to be competent and self-sufficient, which does not mean that they can be left to their own supervision. Even though they may be professionals, when they arrive on your farm they may be strangers to your manner of doing things and your farm facilities which increases the level of risk to which they and, in turn, you are exposed.

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# WORKING IN COLD WEATHER

Safety Tips for Farmers and Ranchers



Farming and ranching chores and duties don't stop when there is snow, and cooler temperatures. Winter conditions bring additional hazards to watch out for. Use the buddy system or at least make sure someone knows where you are working and when to expect you back.

When is it too cold to work outside? The wind chill factor plays a big role in whether you should skip working outside in cold weather. A harsh wind chill can make conditions too dangerous for prolonged work. Be mindful of any health conditions you may have that could make working in extreme conditions riskier. Environment Canada has a [windchill chart](#) to evaluate exposure times.

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## AgSafe Alberta will be out and about at the following events in the new year:

January 17: MD of Ranchland farm safety workshop

January 21-23: Ag Service Board Conference Calgary

January 29: MD Warner farm safety information session

January 29-31: Farm Tech, Edmonton

January 30: MD of Taber farm safety information session

January 31-Feb 2: Feeder Convention in Red Deer



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR EVENT DETAILS

If you would like Ag Safe Alberta Society to attend or present at one of your winter agricultural events in Alberta please email: [jwacowich@agsafeab.ca](mailto:jwacowich@agsafeab.ca) with details.

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**Reminder: On December 1, 2018  
the technical CODE component of Alberta's  
Occupational Health and Safety legislation became  
applicable to farms and ranches  
with waged non-family workers.  
Contact AgSafe Alberta for assistance in  
understanding the legislation and  
how it may apply on your farm or ranch.**

Review the [Agri-SAFETY-culture News](#) from September for more details  
on the OHS legislation for farms and ranches in Alberta.



AgSafe Alberta is a collaboration of crop and livestock producer groups that have come together to develop and deliver industry led farm safety management tools and programs for farmers and ranchers in the province of Alberta.

The overall goal is to help farmers and ranchers integrate practical safety management programs into everyday operations of the farm, in order to prevent illness and injury for everyone involved on the farm.

Visit

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for more details

## AGSAFE ALBERTA HAS FARM HEALTH & SAFETY ADVISORS WHO CAN HELP YOUR FARM:

- Develop hazard assessments
- Review and implement QuickStart guides
- Design emergency response plans
- Build farm safety management systems
- Provide Occupational Health and Safety support

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### Contact an AgSafe Advisor

- Email: [jwacowich@agsafeab.ca](mailto:jwacowich@agsafeab.ca)
- Call 403.219.7901
- Sign up at [www.agsafeab.ca](http://www.agsafeab.ca)

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### Decide preferred level of farm safety programming

- One or two QuickStart topics
- Hazard assessment introduction
- Full safety management system

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### Meet with the AgSafe Advisor

Start working towards your farm safety goals with help from an AgSafe Alberta advisor.

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### Implement your Program

Enjoy the reassurance that you are working to protect the people on your farm.



**Farm Safety: Start small and let it grow!**

**AgSafe Alberta wishes you and yours  
a safe and healthy holiday season.**



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