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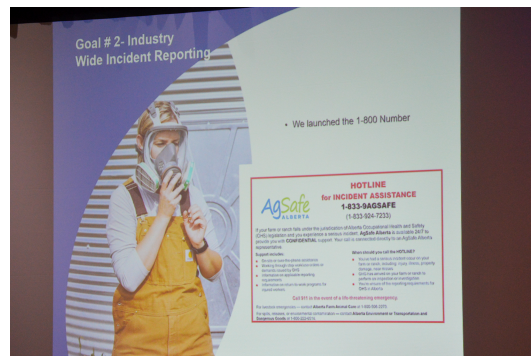
## AgSafe AGM 2020

On January 14<sup>th</sup>, AgSafe Alberta held its 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM in Red Deer, AB. While it was miserably cold that day, a few brave souls were in attendance.

The progress AgSafe Alberta has made in developing resources and creating awareness was celebrated. The FarmSafe Manual and Workbook were launched at the event and it will be promoted at many industry events in the coming months.

Our guest speaker, Eldeen Pozniak, made everyone laugh and cry with stories about the BS (being safe) of Farm Safety.

Thank you to everyone that braved the cold and made it out and we look forward to working alongside you in 2020!



# Slips, Trips, and Falls



Slips, trips, and falls can happen at anytime of the year. Although especially in the winter months, the risk is higher. Being aware of the potential hazards around you can be enough to prevent a potential dangerous situation.



## Evaluate the Types of Emergencies

For your farm, what are the emergency situations that could happen? Build a list of all emergencies that could possibly occur. For example; Structural Fire, Medical Emergency, Work Alone Rescue, Grain Engulfment, Wild Fire, Tornado, Blizzard, Flooding, Fall from Height Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Power Line Contact, Vehicle Incident, etc. For each emergency, develop the response plan and decide who is responsible to get help.

## Identify Emergency Response

When one of the identified emergencies happens, what do you do? What does your family do? What do your farm workers do? Go through the process of deciding what your emergency response will be for each type of emergency.

## Locate Emergency Equipment

Based on the types of emergencies, develop a plan where you will have emergency response equipment for your farm. Consider the following ideas:

- Will each piece of motorized equipment have a first aid kit?
- Where are your fire extinguishers? What type of fire extinguishers do you need on equipment?
- Will you have an AED on your farm?
- How will farm workers rinse their eyes if needed?
- How will you maintain your emergency response equipment? Once you have the list, install the equipment and train everyone about where the equipment is stored and how to use it. Also discuss with your family and farm workers how to keep equipment in ready condition.

## Key Contact Information

When an emergency happens, we have a hard time remembering what numbers to call. Writing down the key contact numbers and posting these where family and farm workers can find them is an important step to any emergency response program. Consider posting contact numbers by the phone, on safety boards, and within each piece of motorized equipment on the farm.

Emergency preparation is best done sooner than later. Once you have your plan established, check it periodically to ensure that it is current and train your family and your farm workers about the program to help them prepare. When something happens, you will be glad you had a plan in place.

[Find out more here](#)

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## Farm Freedom and Safety Act

The Farm Freedom and Safety Act is now in effect as of January 31, 2020.

This legislation will change current employment standards, workers' compensation coverage, and occupational health and safety requirements for farmers. If you have questions about what this means to your farm, contact us or visit [agsafeab.ca](http://agsafeab.ca)

You can also request a FREE advisor visit

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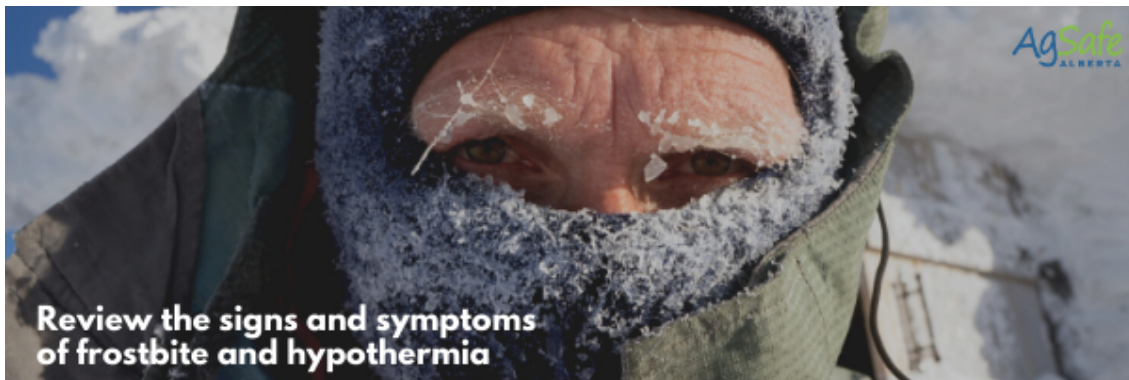
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### Winter tips

Be aware of thin ice, whether it's skating on a pond or checking cows. Never go out onto ice alone and avoid travelling on ice at night or when it's snowing.



Review the signs and symptoms  
of frostbite and hypothermia



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