



JULY 2019

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## Is your farm safe for visitors?

Summer is officially here! The warmer weather means longer days and a return of some of our favourite outdoor activities. It may also include more visitors on your farm: family, friends, children, community members, and even the public — think *Open Farm Days*. The hazards on your farm don't just disappear when a visitor arrives. They may be even more dangerous to a visitor, who is not fully aware of the potential hazards.

The good news is that a little planning can go a long way. Read through the list below for suggestions on how to manage visitor safety on your farm. Every operation is unique so modify these examples accordingly to effectively manage potential risks:

- Establish a sign-in protocol
- Identify designated parking areas with signage (allowing you to easily track current visitors)
- Designate a specific area (muster point) to meet in case of an emergency, make sure this area is easy to get to, and clearly identify where it is
- Inform visitors of the specific hazards on your farm when they first arrive — this might include livestock, equipment traffic, confined spaces, etc.
- Include any 'off-limits' areas on your operation — do this verbally and/or by providing a safety orientation
- Have someone from the farm accompany visitors where practical
- Provide high-visibility clothing, or ask visitors to bring it with them
- Use signage where possible to identify hazards. Examples might include chemical storage areas, flammability hazards, falling ice, slippery surfaces, Do Not Enter cautionary warnings, confined

spaces, etc

- Ensure access to hazardous environments or areas is prevented. Examples include locking a door or cabinet, removing a ladder from a bin, or removing the keys from equipment

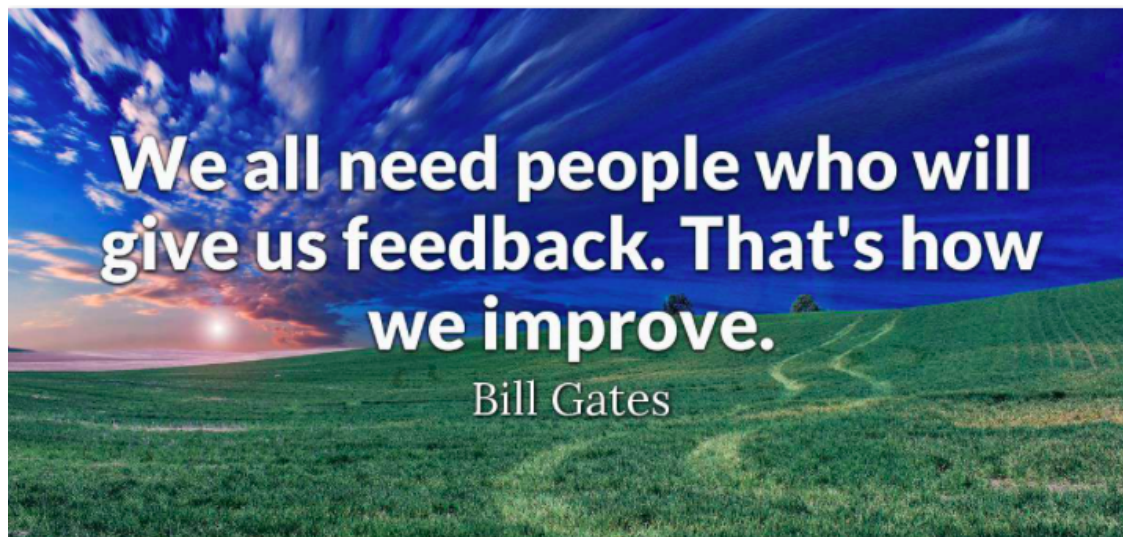
Don't forget that **children have a unique perspective**. A child might not obey signage or use 'common sense'. Eliminate hazards by **seeing potential dangers through their eyes and from their level**. To a child, chemicals look like other things and are tempting to touch or eat, as a result.



**Chemical Look-A-Like kit** showcases the uncanny resemblance between common safe and unsafe substances. Dangerous materials stored in food containers look the same as safe ones, posing unnecessary threats to people's health — particularly children's.

Lastly, remember to consider your safety protocols for contractors. While some of the same protocols you implement for visitors will help you manage contractors, you may need to do some extra work on hazard identification and monitoring. Read our [QuickStart](#) guide to find out more.

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## Take our [Farm Safety Survey](#) and be entered to win a St. John Ambulance First Aid Kit!

We're asking you to fill out a quick survey (seriously, it'll take 60 seconds or less) so we can learn more about you and determine the level of knowledge our stakeholders have about farm safety, current legislation, and AgSafe Alberta so we can better serve you as we move forward.

Thank you in advance for answering our 10 questions!

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### JUNE 2019 BLOG POSTS

June 28, 2019

[AgSafe Alberta Advisors – Meet the Team!](#)

June 21, 2019

[4 ways AgSafe Alberta is supporting farmers and ranchers](#)

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[Who is AgSafe Alberta?](#)

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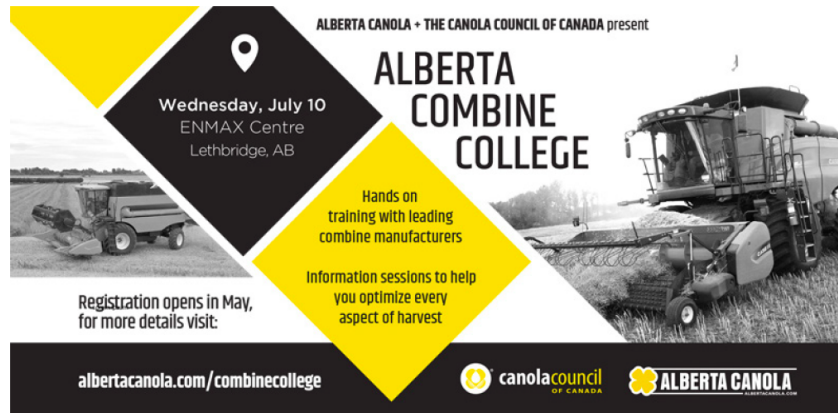
## AgSafe Alberta OUT AND ABOUT

**We're coming to an event near you!**



AgSafe Alberta is participating in many events over the coming months. Please come by our booth for a chat about what's happening on your farm and/or in your sector and find out how we can work with you to develop and implement practical farm safety management systems to make safety a fully-integrated part of your day-to-day operations.

### Upcoming Events



ALBERTA CANOLA • THE CANOLA COUNCIL OF CANADA present

**ALBERTA COMBINE COLLEGE**

Wednesday, July 10  
ENMAX Centre  
Lethbridge, AB

Hands on training with leading combine manufacturers

Information sessions to help you optimize every aspect of harvest

Registration opens in May, for more details visit:  
[albertacanola.com/combinecollege](http://albertacanola.com/combinecollege)

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The poster features a yellow and black diamond shape with a location pin icon, a combine harvester in a field, and a smaller combine harvester in a field.

Alberta Combine College is taking place at the ENMAX Centre in Lethbridge on Wednesday, July 10 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. For information and registration click [here](#).



WheatStalk is taking place on August 8 at the Lyons Production Services Event Centre in Grande Prairie from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. For details and tickets click [here](#).



AgSmart is happening on August 13 and 14 at the south portion of the Olds College Campus from 9 am to 5 pm. This isn't just a trade show. It's a hands-on demonstration and education expo! Learn more [here](#).

This event will be showcasing the [Olds College Smart Farm](#) and [Technology Access Centre for Livestock Production](#)!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR EVENT DETAILS



## YOUR SAFETY, YOUR WAY

AgSafe Alberta is an INDUSTRY-LED safety organization that is results-oriented, accountable, and transparent to our Members and stakeholders, with a focus on continuous improvement and best practices.

AgSafe's goal is to empower farmers and ranchers to integrate practical safety management programs into their daily operations to prevent illness and injury for everyone involved on the farm.



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