

Farm Accident Update

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Farm Accidents in January, 2014

February, 2014

There were no farm accident fatalities reported for January, 2014.

There was one farm accident injury reported for the month of January in which a farmer was hurt when he was cutting a tree off of a farm vehicle and the tree moved and knocked him off of the truck. He sustained lacerations to his head and several broken ribs.

The total number of farm accident injuries in Virginia in 2014 is one.

Recent ATV Accident

In January, a 41-year-old woman was injured when she was riding an ATV on a public road and reportedly struck another ATV upon entering a private driveway. The incident occurred just before midnight, and the victim was not wearing a helmet. She died the following day. The driver of the other vehicle was not injured.

ROPS and Seat Belts Still Save Lives!

Though one tractor overturn is one too many, there have been fewer tractor overturn fatalities in the last few years. Let's continue to spread the word that rollover protective structures and seat belts can make the difference.

Warm Activities for the Winter!

Take the opportunity, on a cold day, to stay in the shop for a while and look for used fire extinguishers that could be recharged and put back into service.

While you're in the shop, put your safety hat on and look around for things like shields and guards that are missing from equipment or tools, and get those taken care of. Check your extension cords for frays or other unsafe conditions. Clean up and organize the shop so that when springs comes and you're in a hurry, everything is right where it needs to be.

It pays to prepare!

Thanks to our contributors!

Thanks this month to Cynthia Gregg and Faye Coates! They helped us by sending information about recent farm and ATV accidents in their areas. Thanks for being the "front line" for us!

Thanks for your help!

Any information on farm or ATV accidents that you can give us might help prevent a similar accident.

Safety
isn't expensive...
it's priceless.

Working Outdoors in the Cold

Just some reminders for this chilly weather!

- ◊ Watch for slippery spots in early morning.
- ◊ Use ice melt, cat litter, or oyster shells on stairs and walkways.
- ◊ Dress in layers.
- ◊ Especially protect your ears, cheeks, nose, chin, fingers, and toes.

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Farm Accident Fatalities

In January : 0
Year-to-date: 0

Farm Accident Injuries

In January: 1
Year-to-date: 1

We need your help!

Please remember to keep us informed of farm accidents that you hear about. Information we would like to have includes the date and time of the incident, ages of persons involved, type of equipment involved, and any other details you have. Newspaper clippings are always a big help.