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**Prevention briefs – eight articles that can save children’s lives**

Many injuries that happen to children on farms can be prevented. The Cultivate Safety initiative has produced a series of eight articles addressing common hazards and offering prevention tips. They are in .pdf and make great handouts. Read them at <http://cultivatesafety.org/prevention-briefs.php>.

**Topics include:**

* Safe play areas
* Skid steer safety
* Working with livestock
* Child development and tractor operation
* Personal protective equipment
* Keeping kids away from tractors
* Young children and the farm worksite don’t mix
* Doing the job safely

The Cultivate Safety website ([www.cultivatesafety.org](http://www.cultivatesafety.org)) features easy-to-use information about child development and best-practice guidelines for keeping kids safe while working and playing on farms. “The Cultivate Safety campaign’s message puts things in perspective,” said farmer Josh Meissner, Chili, Wis., who is featured in one of the campaign’s ads. “No matter how important the farm is to our way of life, it’s never worth the life of a child.”

Cultivate Safety is an initiative of the National Children’s Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety.

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