A farm is a wonderful place to grow up. However, it can be a dangerous place for young children, especially during harvest. Lead by example and instill the importance of practicing safety all the time. Here are five safety tips to keep in mind:

1. Always walk around your equipment before starting it, as children may be hiding or not visible in blind spots. Doing this walkabout can also alert you to any other potential safety issues.
2. Never allow kids to climb and play on or near farm equipment, even when it is not in use.
3. Always lock up equipment and machinery when you finish using it. Remove the keys, and keep them out of reach of children. Also, for equipment that may fall, such as buckets, make sure they are placed in the down position.
4. Do not allow children to be passengers on tractors, lawn mowers or other farm equipment.
5. Designate and create a “safe play area” with protected boundaries like a fence that is far away from where machinery is operated or stored.

“I had a parent tell me his daughter came home from Progressive Agriculture Safety Day and corrected the things he was doing unsafe when mowing the yard, while another parent told me his daughter warned him about dangers around power-take-off (PTO) shafts.”

~Brandy VanDeWalle, Progressive Agriculture Safety Day Coordinator in Geneva, Nebraska

During a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day in Minnesota, participants learn why certain farm tasks are more appropriate for older teens and adults because of both their size and developmental ability. They also learn about blind spots and that although they can see the operator, the operator may not always see them.

Progressive Agriculture Safety Days

Every Farmer Counts! We strive to protect both the present and future generation of farmers and farm families.

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Celebrating National Farm Safety and Health Week

Progressive Agriculture Safety Day proudly supports National Farm Safety & Health Week, taking place Sept. 20 through 26, 2020. Join us in promoting safe and healthy practices on our farms and ranches during this upcoming harvest season. The theme “Every Farmer Counts” is one that reminds us it’s in everyone’s best interest to prioritize the health and safety of those who work so hard to provide our abundant supply of food, fiber and fuel. Throughout the week, a different safety-related topic will be highlighted each day:

- Monday, Sept. 21, 2020: Tractor Safety & Rural Roadway Safety
- Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020: Overall Farmer Health
- Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020: Safety & Health for Youth in Agriculture
- PLUS LIVE Virtual Progressive Agriculture Safety Day on our Facebook page
- Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020: Emergency Preparedness in Agriculture
- Friday, Sept. 25, 2020: Safety & Health for Women in Agriculture

For more information on this effort, including safety messages around each topic area or a list of the activities planned for the week, visit the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety website at www.necasag.org.

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