

# Quick safety scan: Background

The traffic light scan is designed to be done in 30 minutes by any member of the farm team. It can be used initially to set up the farm safety system and then on an ongoing basis to review the system. It is recommended that Quick safety scans are re-done at least once per year.

## How to use a Quick safety scan

1. Use the one page Quick safety scan sheet and allocate a staff member to undertake the scan.
2. Instruct the staff member to take 30 minutes to:
  - a. Answer the questions on the scan sheet
  - b. If a hazard is seen, take a photo if appropriate
  - c. Show the completed sheet and photos to the Farm Manager and discuss the hazards and possible solutions
3. Follow up (by the Farm Manager):
  - d. Transfer the hazards to the Action plan and describe the solution
  - e. Organise the actions to be taken

The Farm Safety Manual provides information and templates to assist you to comply with legal requirements and build a positive safety culture in hazard areas. For more information, visit [www.thepeopleindairy.org.au/farmsafetymanual](http://www.thepeopleindairy.org.au/farmsafetymanual)

# Farm vehicles

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Farm vehicles such as side-by-side vehicles, cars, utes and trucks are major causes of death and serious injury to workers and family members on Australian farms. Operators, passengers and bystanders of all ages are at risk.

Most fatalities and serious injuries involve run overs and collisions or roll overs with ejection of operators and passengers who are not wearing seat belts or are riding in the tray. Young children under five are at most risk of being run over or of falling from vehicles. Loss of concentration due to fatigue of operators increases the risk of vehicle incidents.

Quick safety scan – Start here	No	Some	Yes	Comments
1. Are the farm vehicles fitted with seat belts in working order and used at all times?				
2. Are the farm vehicles well maintained? This includes maintenance of safety devices such as cut-outs, guards, reverse and warning beepers and flashing beacons.				
3. Are there clear rules that are always followed regarding 'no passengers on the back of utes, trucks and trailers while moving'?				
4. Do the drivers of the farm vehicles have the correct licences and competency to operate the vehicles?				
5. Are there established speed limits, 'no go' zones, designated parking areas, visibility aids and warning signs?				

Person doing Quick safety scan:	Date: / /
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