

Working with Livestock

Step-by-step – Setting up safety for working with livestock on your farm

1. Getting started

Read through this information pack carefully.

Complete the Working with Livestock **Safety Self-Assessment** (traffic lights) page.

Make a list of things to do and set a date to have each thing completed in the **Action Plan**.

Read through the information quickly again.

Pick a topic to discuss with staff or family at your next **workplace meeting** (you should have at least one safety topic each meeting).

2. Assessing the risks around working with livestock on your farm

Task someone with making a list of the animal handling tasks on the farm. Ask them to take pictures of some of the tasks.

Do a **risk assessment** of each task – the activity and facilities used - and plan the control changes needed.

Make any required **structural changes** you have identified and buy any **gear** needed.

Arrange any **training** needed.

3. Setting up your policy, processes and paperwork

Set up your farm **Policy** on working with livestock and the relevant **Standard Operating Procedures** for tasks involving animal handling.

Put a copy of the Policy and SOPs with the documents you use to **induct new workers** or **relevant contractors**.

Go through the arrangements you now have in place with workers at your next **workplace meeting**.

Sleep well - job well done

Resources in this section

- › **Information** about safety in working with livestock on dairy farms and legal obligations
- › **Policy template**
- › **Safety Self-Assessment** for working with livestock

Information and templates provided in this folder are also available at

www.thepeopleindairy.org.au/farmsafety.

You can edit the templates to suit your farm.