## 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

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**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](http://www.thepeopleindairy.org.au/farmsafety). You can edit the templates to suit your farm.