

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

Visitors, children and traffic

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Vehicles of all sizes including trucks, cars, 4-wheel drives, quads, tractors and other heavy machinery are common around the farm and their access and use is often near buildings and houses where pedestrians and children are present. With larger trucks and machinery the ability of the operator to see bystanders is diminished, braking distances are greater and manoeuvrability is reduced. The outcomes of being hit or run over by these vehicles can be fatal.

Every area of the farm poses risks for children – those who live on the farm, including tenant’s children, and visiting children (approximately 30% of children killed on farms are visitors). Chemicals, water, heights, vehicles, workshops and livestock are all hazards that can cause serious injuries for kids.

Quick safety scan – Start Here	No	Some	Yes	Comments
1. Is there clear direction and signage for visitors to follow, and are people and traffic separated or protected?				
2. Are relevant safety rules of the farm clearly explained to visitors?				
3. Are there clearly identified ‘no go’ zones for visitors, children and unauthorised people?				
4. Is there a secure children's play area to restrict their access to machinery, traffic, livestock and water?				
5. Are children supervised when on the farm?				
6. Are hazardous areas such as chemicals, water, effluent ponds, workshops, ladders, secured to prevent access by children and others?				
7. Are keys removed from vehicles, tractors and quad bikes when not in use?				
8. Do children who live on the farm participate in water familiarisation sessions and learn to swim at an early age?				

Person doing Quick safety scan:	Date: / /
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