

Farmstead equipment

barn cleaner, silo unloader, bunk feeder, auger

Adult responsibilities

ADULTS NEED TO MAKE SURE:

- Ventilation system is working before child enters a closed building
- All safety features are in place
- Work area has no hazards
- Child has been fitted for a respirator and shown how to use it
- Long hair is tied up



Can your child do this job?

ABILITY

Can the child reach and operate all controls from a balanced, standing position?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who can't reach the controls are more likely to be injured.

Can the child understand and repeat from memory a 5-step process?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who can't remember the steps to a job are more likely to be injured.

Can the child recognize a hazard and solve the problem without getting upset?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children must be able to recognize hazards, think about how to respond, and stay calm to prevent injury.

Can the child react quickly?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children need quick reactions to avoid injury.

Does the child usually go with his or her "gut" feeling without thinking too much about what could happen next?

- Yes. **STOP** STOP! Children who act on impulse are more likely to be injured.
- No.

TRAINING

Has an adult demonstrated operating farmstead equipment on site?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children learn best when shown how to do the job at the work site.

Has the child shown he or she can do the job safely 4 to 5 times under close supervision?

- Yes.
- No. **!** CAUTION! An adult must watch constantly until the child shows he or she can do the job.

SUPERVISION

Can an adult supervise as recommended?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! The right level of supervision is key to preventing injuries.

Main Hazards



Dust, mold and organic particles can cause breathing problems



Contact with machine parts can cause electric shock



Moving parts can entangle fingers, hands, hair and clothing

Remember



Respirator as needed



Non-skid shoes



Tight-fitting clothing

Supervision

What's the right amount? Here are suggestions—but remember, it depends on the child.

Age 12-13:
WATCH constantly.

Age 14-15:
WATCH nearly constantly at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **CHECK** every few minutes.

Age 16+:
CHECK every few minutes at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **LEAVE** the child to do the job.