

Keep Children Safe at United Auctions

Every year children are killed during agricultural work activities.

People often believe that farm children understand farm risks, but most children who are injured in agricultural incidents are family members. A few straightforward steps, and proper supervision of children, will reduce these risks

Auction Marts like farms are not playgrounds, Children though are naturally curious, and will often get into apparently inaccessible places

Remember that although parents have a particular responsibility to prevent their children straying or trespassing into areas where they may be at risk, all adults working in agriculture – employers, employees, contractors or other visiting workers – **MUST** take responsibility for the safety of children and young people

To Reduce Risks, we Should

- Prevent children and young people from playing in or around livestock areas. Animals do not need to attack to pose a danger to people
- Provide adult supervision when children come into contact with livestock
- Make sure everyone working in the livestock areas is aware that children may be present.
- Explain that you are authorised to stop work if any children are in the work area and to send them somewhere safe.
- Not allow children out of a vehicle until vehicle is in a safe area and the children can be supervised. Prohibit children from walking across the loading/unloading area and do not enter or allow children to enter the crush zone when reversing vehicle up to loading/unloading ramp. Customers must ensure they supervise their children at all times in loading/unloading area.

If in any doubt you should ensure children

- Cannot enter any yard, pen or area occupied by potentially dangerous animals or vehicles