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*Safety Tips: Handling
Emergency Situations*



Emergency situations can occur at work - or off work as well. According to the National Safety Council, 13.1 million workers experience serious injuries, and 52,000 are killed in incidents that occur off the job.

Why Your Response is Important-

- ✓ Agricultural operations are often located some distance away from emergency medical services and other sources of professional medical help.
- ✓ Additionally, many agricultural accidents occur in fields or remote areas where they may go unnoticed for long periods of time.
- ✓ That's why it is important that you know what to do if you come across an emergency situation. Your quick actions can make the difference in life and death

How to Recognize an Emergency-

- ✓ If you hear, see or smell something unusual, that may be your first indication that an emergency situation exists.
Some examples of unusual noises include: A person screaming or calling for help; sudden, loud noises; breaking glass; unusual machinery or equipment noise; screeching tires; or a loud crash.
- ✓ An emergency may also exist if you smell something unusual. Be especially alert to this if you work with pesticides or other chemicals.
- ✓ Some examples of unusual sights are spilled chemical containers, down electrical wires, smoke or fire.
- ✓ An emergency may exist if you see someone having trouble breathing or speaking, holding his throat or chest, sweating for no apparent reason, or suddenly appearing dizzy or confused.
- ✓ If you spot an emergency situation, get emergency help as soon as possible.

Do:

- **Make sure that someone knows where you are at all times. Have someone to check on you periodically.**
- **Know who to call for professional medical help and what information is needed.**

Other Safety Tips-

- ✓ Make sure that you know where the emergency phone listing is posted. Also, check the phone numbers to make sure that they are correct and haven't been changed before an emergency transpires.
- ✓ Know where the first aid kits are located and see that the contents are in them. It's a good idea to make a periodic check to see that the kits are in good order and the contents are in there (in advance of an emergency).
- ✓ In case of an emergency incident or accident- Stay calm.
- ✓ Quickly access the situation. If someone is hurt, make sure both you and the victim are out of immediate danger. For example, if someone is caught in a PTO, turn the power off - if you can safely do so.
- ✓ Call for professional emergency medical help as soon as possible. Don't move a person with injuries to the head, neck or back unless he is in immediate danger. Administer CPR if the person isn't breathing and you have been trained in CPR.
- ✓ If another person is with you, send that person to call the emergency medical service while you stay with the victim.

Information to give to the Dispatcher with the Emergency Medical Service-

- ✓ The location of the emergency and the directions on how to get there.
- ✓ Identify the type of accident and how many people are injured.
- ✓ What type of first aid have you administered?
- ✓ Are there any additional hazards in that area?
- ✓ Your personal name and the location that you are calling from.
- ✓ Relay to the dispatcher that someone will meet the emergency medical unit by the road or at an identifiable remote location.

DON'T:

- **Move a person with head, neck, or back injuries unless he or she is in immediate danger.**
- **Forget to tell the supervisor if a first aid kit needs to be restocked.**

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