

Farm Safety Charter



Agriculture has the poorest safety record of any industrial sector in Great Britain. Over the last five years 162 people have been killed on British farms. In addition, the Labour Force Survey reports that on average in agriculture 13,000 people suffer a non-fatal injury at work and 15,000 people suffer a work-related illness each year.

As leaders of businesses and organisations representing agricultural, horticultural, and allied industries, we recognise our responsibilities to show leadership, promote safe and healthy systems of work and challenge poor practice within all sectors of the industry.

We agree on and commit to:

- Working in partnership and collaboratively to create awareness and adoption of good health and safety across the agricultural industry.
- Providing leadership on safety, challenging traditional attitudes to risk.
- Ensuring that a regard to health and safety runs throughout all of the messages we give and the decisions and positions we take on all issues.
- Demonstrating that a good safety record is proof of a professional and modern industry showing that safer working is good business practice impacting positively on profitability and sustainability of every business.
- Building on the work done over the years by the HSE, using the experience, resource and knowledge base of the HSE to support the goals and activities of the Farm Safety Partnership (FSP).
- Working within our own spheres of influence to bring about a change in culture, attitude and behaviour towards farm safety, promoting and communicating coordinated messages.
- Commit to working with partners in the FSP, including input to working groups and attending FSP meetings in order to coordinate messages and priorities across the industry.
- Engaging with our own internal and external stakeholders, including the press and media, and to provide them with appropriate tools and information to help them promote key health and safety messages.
- Holding FSP members to account for their activity in delivering actions and activities planned and agreed by the FSP.



Therefore, we, the undersigned organisation declare that we are committed to working together with partners in the FSP for a safer farming industry and aspire to consistently reduce the numbers of fatalities and injuries caused to farmers, farm staff and all others who come into contact with farm activities.

We believe that our efforts and commitment to work in partnership with government and other industries and organisations will provide meaningful benefits on tackling farm safety and we strongly encourage others to join us in this endeavour.

Organisation Name:

Title:

Signature:

Date: