

GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT FOR YOUR FARM

DEVELOPING AND COMMUNICATING A GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT ON HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR YOUR FARM IS THE FIRST STEP IN CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING A FARM SAFETY PLAN.

WHAT SHOULD YOUR POLICY INCLUDE?

- ✓ The health and safety philosophy of your farm.
- ✓ A statement that substandard health and safety performance will not be accepted.
- ✓ Your commitment to preventing occupational injuries and illnesses.
- ✓ The objectives of your health and safety program.
- ✓ Your expectation that everyone shares the responsibility for health and safety and that everyone on your farm has a level of accountability for their own and others' health and safety.

Your policy should be relevant to your farm. It might be tempting to copy a general policy statement that sounds good – don't. Take the time to create your own customized policy statement.

The most effective policy statements are made known to everybody that lives, works or visits on your farm. (Including all those who provide services to your farm.) The policy might change as your farm changes, as your family grows, and as your philosophy evolves.

HERE ARE SOME SAMPLE SAFETY PHILOSOPHIES:

- Everyone has the right to work in a safe and healthy workplace.
- Everyone has the right to refuse unsafe work.
- Health and safety is everyone's responsibility.
- All hazards will be identified and controlled through regular inspections.

Now you're ready to create your own health and safety policy statement. Use the space provided to declare your safety philosophies. Then, sign and post the policy as a declaration of your commitment to your farm, your family and yourself.



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