

Safety Audit

To perform a safety audit:

- Walk through your farms, homes, shops, and garages; then eliminate hazardous situations. Change procedures for storing equipment and material to minimize dangers to children.
- Be sure to include children in the safety audit so they will gain an appreciation of potential dangers. They respond better if shown “why” rather than just being told “don't.” Bear in mind that children see the world from a lower vantage point than adults do. With this in mind, get down on your hands and knees during the safety audit so you can see hazards that may not be apparent when you're standing.
- Think about past “close calls” or potential future situations that might cause injuries. Determine the factors that were or could be responsible for a near-miss, and talk with employees and family – including children who are mature enough to understand.

Source

National Ag Safety Database & University of Florida IFAS Extension (2002). ‘Childproofing’ your yard or farmstead [online]. Retrieved October 30, 2009. From <http://nasdonline.org/document/183/d001586/039-childproofing-039-your-yard-or-farmstead.html>.

