



Teacher and parent/guardian resource

Learning outcomes

Queensland primary school students are encouraged to draw and colour a picture to illustrate a farm safety message. The 12 winning entrants receive a \$250 voucher, and \$500 for their school!

The Farm safety calendar competition raises awareness among primary school students and their communities of common hazards on farms and other rural properties. The published calendar is an opportunity for safety messages to be prominently displayed in the home throughout the year, reminding Queenslanders of all ages to work and play safely on farm properties.

Students are asked to draw and colour a picture that illustrates one farm safety message (see below). Students must submit their entry on the [competition template](#).

When speaking to students about farm safety and the competition, discuss each of the risks, why they are dangerous and how the risks can be controlled to keep them safe. Also talk about why it is important to talk to an adult if they feel unsafe or see something unsafe.

Choose a safety message

Electrical safety

- Overhead powerlines are dangerous. Do not park equipment, operate machinery, or plant trees or crops under them.
- Safety switches save lives—make sure they're fitted to all circuits and tested regularly.

Animal safety

- Make sure you are properly trained and understand animal behaviour before working in stock yards.
- Always wash your hands after working with livestock or playing with animals as they sometimes carry diseases that can make people very sick.

Tractor and machinery safety

- Have a fenced play area to keep children safe and away from machinery.
- Do not carry passengers on tractors and other farm vehicles unless there is a designated seat and seat belt for them.

Quad bike safety

- Never let children under 16 use an adult sized quad bike.
- Always wear a properly fitted helmet when you ride a quad bike.

Water safety

- Stay well away from flood water—there can be hidden dangers like strong currents, logs and other debris.
- Always have an adult with you when you play near or in dams, creeks and rivers.



Health and wellbeing

- Make sure you're ready for work on the farm by eating healthy meals during the day and getting plenty of sleep.
- Stay sun safe when you work outside by wearing a hat, drinking water and taking rest breaks in the shade.

Tips

- Ask children to use lots of colour.
- Ask children to draw the picture as clearly as they can and within the template drawing box.
- Ask children to choose the message they can most relate to.

How to enter

Entries must be submitted on white paper using the competition template. For the entry to be valid, all fields on the [template](#) should be completed in legible handwriting, including the student's first and last names, grade, school name and a consent signature from the student's teacher, parent or guardian.

Entries should be posted to:

**Awareness and Engagement Unit
Workplace Health and Safety Queensland
GPO Box 69
BRISBANE QLD 4001**

Entries must be received by 5pm Friday 25 June 2021.

Judging

Judges will pick 12 of the best drawings to be included in the Farm safety calendar 2022. The aim is to have:

- two winning entries for each of the six safety messages
- an even spread of age groups, including at least one student from each year from prep to year 6
- winners from around the state, with a strong representation from rural and regional Queensland.

Judges will consider whether the drawing:

- has a clear safety message
- is relevant to the risk and solution
- portrays the safety message correctly
- is colourful.

Winners announced and calendar available

The 12 winners will be announced in September, and the free 2022 Farm safety calendar will be available in October. There will be 30,000 copies of the calendar available for Queenslanders to order.

More information

Visit [worksafe.qld.gov.au](https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au) or call **1300 362 128** to find out more about the competition, download the competition template and read the terms and conditions.

Helpful resources

Check out the [winning entries](#) from last year.

Check out children on farms at [farmsafe.org.au](https://www.farmsafe.org.au).

