

NAIDC Farm Safety Policy

1. First and foremost, you are responsible for your own safety and for the safety of those around you.
2. Use a buddy system in those situations where you have been instructed that you are allowed to enter pens. Enter pens only with a buddy/partner. Pen access is at the farm's discretion before each event.
3. Be aware of your surroundings and avoid any potentially risky situations:
 - a. Do not enter bullpens or any pens with bulls.
 - b. Be aware of slippery floors and surfaces.
 - c. Do not climb on (or over) fences, gates, silo ladders, commodities, etc.
4. Always wear the provided high vis vests while on farm.
5. Be alert and careful of moving farm equipment and do not disrupt normal operations.
6. Keep a safe distance from manure pits and lagoons.
7. Stay away from silage bunkers!!
 - a. Bunker silos represent an unseen danger, and we ask you to be especially careful when evaluating these. While the face of the silage material may appear stable, there have been many accidents reported after the silage face has collapsed with an avalanche of dense/heavy material. This rush of material is completely unpredictable and impossible to escape. Individuals caught in such slippages have had broken limbs, life-threatening injuries or died consequently. DO NOT underestimate the risk of serious injury from this cause. As a rule, NEVER get closer to a silage face than 1.5 times the height of the face itself.
 - b. If required, silage samples will be provided for you a safe distance from the silage bunk.
8. While wearing plastic boot covers be cognizant of not dragging your feet in an effort to maintain your footing, while not scaring animals causing them to run, slip or fall.
9. Wash and/or sanitize your hands before and after each farm visit.