

# Introduction to COP Training Program

# AGENDA

- **Introduction Power Point - Health and Safety Legislation -**
- **Viewing & Discussion of 3 Survivor Stories**
- **Prevention of Death, Injury and Ill-Health Power Point**
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- **Completing the Risk Assessment Power Point**
- **Instruction on completing the Code of Practice Risk Assessment Document**

# INTRODUCTION

- Since 1989 Farmers are required to have a Safety and Health management document called a “SAFETY STATEMENT”
- Since 2006 Farmers with 3 or less employees have been allowed to follow a Farm Safety Code of Practice in place of the “Safety Statement”
- Aim is to prevent Death, Injury and Ill-Health among farmers, farm families and farm workers
- To comply you must complete the Farm Risk Assessment and implement the Action Plan

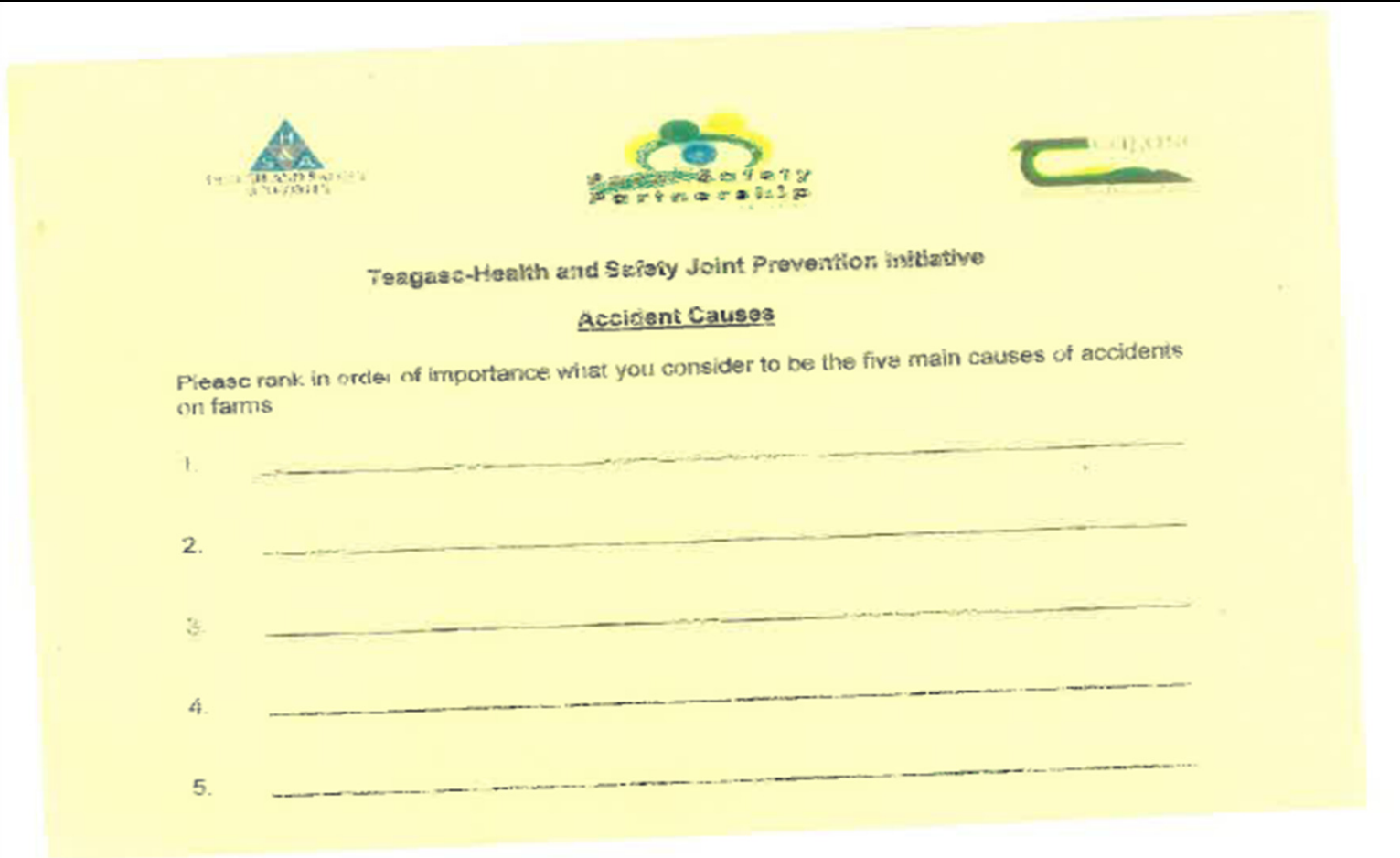
# Health and Safety Legislation




- Central Piece of Legislation applicable to Agriculture
  - Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act, 2005
  - General Application Regulations 2007
    - Working at Height Regulations
    - Construction Regulations
  - Several Others e.g. Chemical regulations
- Key Requirement: Take all 'Reasonably Practicable' measures to protect safety and health
- As far as Reasonably Practicable to carry out all work by the safest means
- Enforced by the Health and Safety Authority (HSA)

# **Duties on Farmers Include:**

- **Have a Safe Place of Work and Safe System of Work**
- **Safe Equipment**
- **Work Planned and Organised for Safety.**
- **Provide Instruction, Training, Supervision**
- **Safe Use of all Hazardous Substances**
- **Prevention of Ill Health**
- **Seek Competent Advice**

# Rank Five Most Common Causes of Farm Accidents



Teagasc-Health and Safety Joint Prevention Initiative

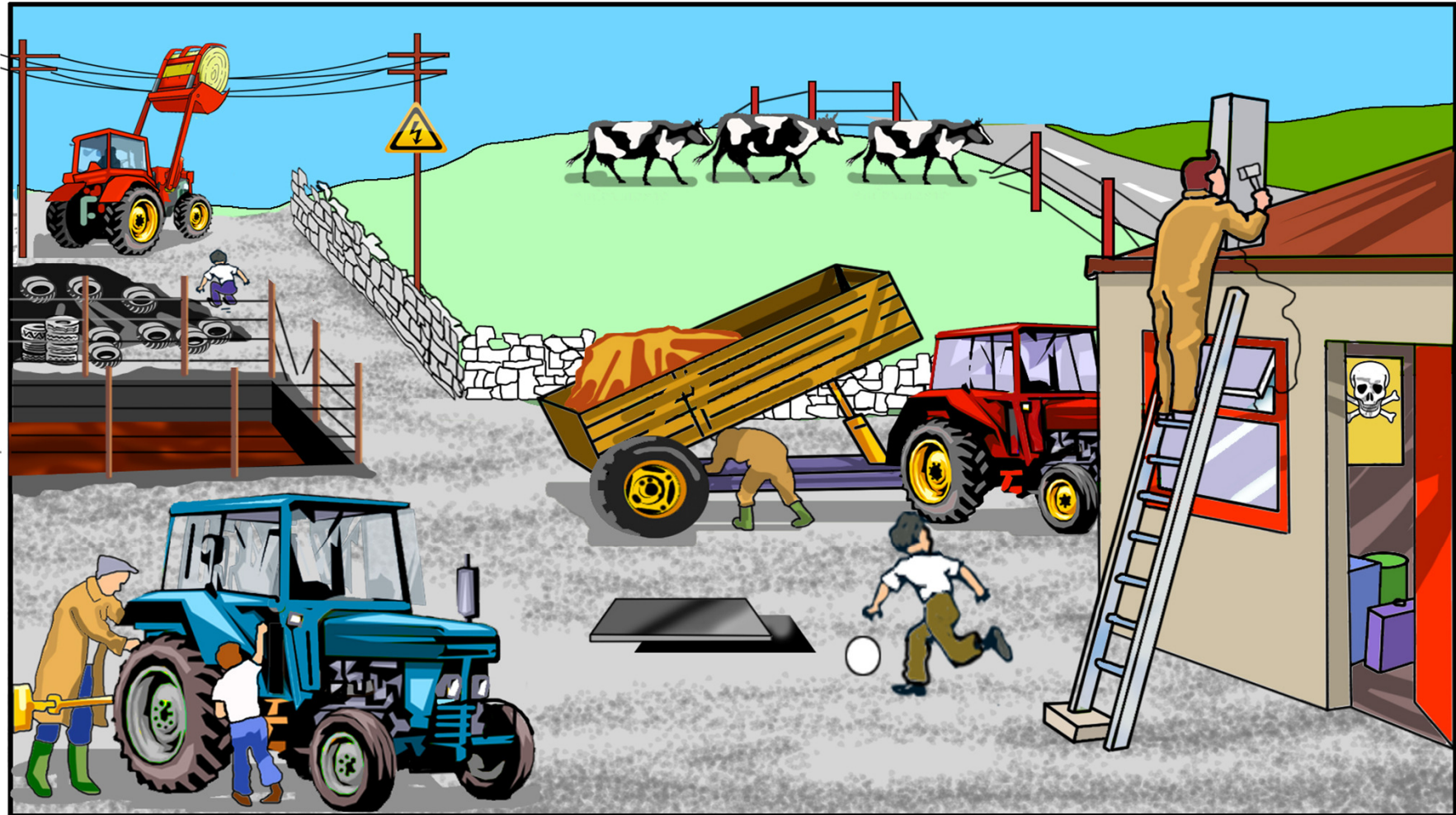
Accident Causes

Please rank in order of importance what you consider to be the five main causes of accidents on farms

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_



# Any Farm Hazards Here?



# The Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act, 2005

**Aims to reduce injury and ill-health at work by prevention**



**It's About  
Prevention**



# Functions of the HSA

- **Promote good standards of safety and health at work**
- **Provide advice and information on safety and health at work**
- **Inspect places of work (including farms) and monitor compliance**
- **Investigate fatalities, serious injuries, ill-health and complaints**
- **Publish Codes of Practice**
- **Provide Guidance on compliance with laws & standards**

# **Role of the HSA Inspectors**

- **Give advice and information on safety & health**
- **Workplace inspections – including farms**
- **Use enforcement procedures**
- **Investigate accidents, ill-health cases, dangerous occurrences and complaints**

# Enforcement Procedures

- **Advice Note / Letter (Confident Farmer will take Action)**
- **Improvement Notice - *Breach of Legislation – Time to comply is specified, e.g. No Safety Statement/COP***
- **Prohibition Notice – *Identifies Risk of Serious Injury – Work Activity Stopped until rectified, e.g. PTO Guard missing, unfenced open slurry tank/agit. point***
- **Prosecution – Fine up to €3,000 on summary conviction or Unlimited Fine on Indictment**



# “Focus is on Prevention“





# Preventing Death & Serious Injuries

## Farmers who have told their Stories





# “Choose 2 Survivor Story to Show”

**SURVIVOR STORIES**  
REAL FARMERS. REAL ACCIDENTS.

**MOST FARMERS THINK IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN TO THEM. THEN REALITY KICKS IN. RUSHING AGAINST TIME, WORKING ALONE, TAKING JUST ONE RISK TOO FAR...**

Farm accidents are a tragic reality for many farmers and their families. Someone has died every two weeks on an Irish farm in recent years. Many more suffer life-changing injuries. The vast majority of these accidents are preventable. Here, six farmers share their farm accident stories, from PTO shaft entanglement to livestock attack. Their hope is that you can learn from their experiences and take the simple steps that will make your farm safer.

**WHAT DO I DO NEXT?**

- MAKE MY FARM SAFER  
RISK ASSESSMENT
- FIND OUT MORE ABOUT  
SAFE FARMING
- TAKE A FARM SAFETY  
TRAINING COURSE
- HAVE YOU HAD A FARM ACCIDENT?  
SHARE YOUR STORY

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