

HOLD HANDS: LESSON PLAN FOR EDUCATORS

STAY SAFE ON THE FARM

Overview: On the Farm

By the end of this lesson, students should be able to identify the basic safety principles while on the farm:

- Water that can be found on the farm: Slurry pits, drinking troughs, buckets, barrels. Deep puddles, lakes, ponds, stream
- Only go near the water with an adult – Hold Hands
- Farms are not playgrounds
- Always have an adult supervising
- Stay Away From Edges (S.A.F.E)



Lesson Structure:

1. Introduction to Staying Safe on the Farm

Ask children to look at the storyboard and discuss the characters:

- Who is being Safe?
- Who is being Unsafe?

2. Find the water around the farm – Slurry Pits, Drinking troughs, Buckets and Barrels, Deep puddles, Lakes and Ponds, Stream

Ask the children how we can be safe around all the different types of water.

- Slurry Pits = Stay away! They should be securely covered but the children should never go near them.
- Drinking Troughs = Can be very deep with high edges, if you fell in, it would be hard to get out.
- Buckets and Barrels = Always make sure they are covered over or stored upside down.
- Deep puddles, Lakes, Ponds, and Streams = S.A.F.E





3. We only go near water with an adult, never without them. Remember: Hold Hands

- a. Only ever go near the water's edge with an adult. Always remember to hold the adult's hand.
- b. Never stray too far from an adult's supervision

4. Farms are not a good place for swimming/getting wet!

Ask students to prompt as to why

- Dirty water
- Is it deep? Shallow?
- No lifeguards

5. We always make sure that our adult is watching us on the farm

Does every child in the storyboard have adult supervision?

6. Stay away from edges, don't get too close

Reiterate importance of staying away from slurry pits, troughs, barrels, rivers etc.



Activities:

1. Drama/Roleplay

Arrange a trip to the farm and the children can point out the safety hazards while visiting the farm animals.

2. Arts and Crafts

Create a farm setting in the classroom.

Encourage the children to have a discussion about the farm and where there might be water safety hazards. The farm storyboard will help the children to expand on the scenario.

3. Storybooks

Provide storybooks that are based at the farm. The educators can prompt discussion of water safety at the farm even if the book does not discuss this.

Stay Safe on the Farm with Jessie - HSA

4. Messy play

In an outdoor environment, the children can explore what happens when there is lots of rain on a farm. Using water, the children can see how the mud quickly softens. Lead a discussion on the dangers of sinking mud on the farm and how we can be safe around it.

