



FARM SAFETY CHECK

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Farm Safety Check: Preventing Building Fires

Fires pose serious threats to the wellbeing of livestock and humans. Farms have many flammable materials, such as pesticides, cobwebs, dust, bedding, hay, straw, paint, fertilizer, and paper. In the winter, additional threats to safety include the physical distance from farms to the closest fire station, poor road conditions, windy conditions that can intensify the fire, heating equipment, rodent bedding, and damaged wires and cords. Given these farm hazards, prevention is key. Take a moment today to save a life tomorrow.

You and/or your employee(s) can use this form to complete safety checks on your farm. Use the form below to list additional safety checks you think are important when inspecting your farm. Keep the completed forms for follow-up, future reference and inspections. Additional copies of this form can be downloaded at:

<http://umash.umn.edu/umash-farm-safety-check/>

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Disclaimer: Don't forget to wear a mask and follow all social distancing practices in the applicable situations below.

| Potential Hazard | Yes | Needs Correction | Date Corrected or Notes |
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| Are flammable and combustible liquids in labeled containers (Underwriters Laboratories or Factory Mutual approved cans for gasoline)? Note the quantity, date purchased, and type of liquid. These should be placed in appropriate safety cabinets with a warning sign. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Are flammable materials kept away from machinery, heating sources, and electrical equipment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Do you check the internal temperature of hay bales daily? Bales should be in groups of 10 or fewer, at least 100 feet away from structures, and with a fire break of at least 30 feet between the groups. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Are used oil rags stored in a properly sealed container and away from heat sources? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Do you refuel outside and when machinery has cooled? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Do you immediately clean up spilled flammable liquids? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Are engines lubricated and exhaust systems properly maintained to prevent sparking and backfiring? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Is wiring free of damage and unexposed? Repair bent plugs and frayed cords. Wrap wires in corrosion-resistant metal conduit pipes. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Are extension cords rated for outdoor use and used for only temporary purposes? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Do you unplug appliances not in use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Are up-to-date class ABC fire extinguishers in every building? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Are electrical outlets, electrical panels, fans, and lights clean and free of debris? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Does everyone regularly practice fire drills, including how to use a fire extinguisher? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |