



TRACTORS

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Is it ever safe for children to play near tractors?



NO. It's never safe for children to play near tractors.



Why are they so dangerous?

Tractors are very important machines on a farm & are only for farmers to drive.

They are dangerous in lots of different ways.



Tractors are big machines and even without any trailer or attachments, a tractor driver sits very high up in their seat, and **might not see a child running in front or behind a tractor**, and may knock them over by accident.

Tractors are often used to pull other machines to do a wide variety of other jobs. **Each one of them has its own dangers too, and none of them are safe to play near.**



How old are you?

In Southern Ireland you must be older than 7 years to ride in a tractor. In Northern Ireland & the UK you must be 13!

Use the passenger seat & ensure your seat belt is closed.

NEVER PLAY ANYWHERE NEAR A FIELD WHERE A TRACTOR IS SPREADING SLURRY.

One of the attachments that will often be seen being pulled by a tractor is a **trailer**.



A trailer doesn't give off dangerous gas like a slurry spreader. So is it safe to play on a trailer?

No. It's not safe. Many children are injured or die every year falling off trailers.



Trailers are not designed to carry people. They have no seats, no safety belts and nothing to hold on to. It's very easy to fall off.



NEVER CLIMB ONTO A TRACTOR WHETHER IT'S MOVING



What is a PTO on a tractor?

The PTO spins at up to 16 rotations per second, which is what makes it so dangerous.

The PTO stands for Power Take-Off. It is extremely dangerous. Let's see why.



The power take-off (PTO) is a very powerful drive shaft that transfers power from a tractor to other implements like balers, mowers, and choppers.

Children should NEVER be asked to start a PTO even from the tractor seat.



Never step over a PTO. Walk around the tractor instead.

! NO CHILDREN !
Never go near a tractor when it's in operation.



The PTO should only be started & stopped from the tractor seat by an adult not a child.

If clothes get caught in the PTO you have **no time to react** before entanglement occurs.

PTO's must be checked to make sure they are not broken

- Don't wear anything that could get caught in the machine.
- Don't wear loose clothing such as baggy trousers, long coats, skirts.
- Remove loose straps, braces, neck ties, necklaces etc.
- Remove draw strings from hoodies and jackets.
- Tie back long hair.

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