

Falls Top Accident List

CHICAGO — Falls are among the most common accidents in agriculture, yet they are perhaps the most difficult cause of injuries to guard against, according to the Farm Department of the National Safety Council.

Nearly one-third of all reported injuries in a study of farm and ranch accidents in ten states were the result of

falls. An in-depth investigation of 955 of these accidents by the National Safety Council showed that the majority of those injured (863) were members of the farm family, and more than half of the accidents attributed to falls occurred on-the-job.

In a detailed study of 86 homestead falls, the Safety Council found that 76 percent of the falls resulted in serious injury, and that 50 percent of the victims were admitted to the hospital while 33 percent required hospital emergency room treatment. The investigation further revealed that the yard and the kitchen were the

scenes of nearly 40 percent of all accidents, and in more than half of all the cases reviewed the victim was simply walking —not climbing up ladders or running down stairs.

The best weapon against accidental falls is alertness, according to the Safety Council. In addition to being alert and aware of the potential for a trip or slip, the Council points out that your chances of falling are increased by illness, haste, fatigue, emotional upset, alcohol and drugs.

There are several common hazards around the farm or ranch that one must watch for to aid in the prevention of ac-

cidental falls. Among these are:

—Cluttered work areas and passageways.

—Slippery surfaces resulting from ice, mud, water spills, oil, etc.

—Broken flooring and loose rugs.

—Ladders in a poor state of repair.

In combating injuries due to falls, the Council reminds farmers to:

—Keep stairs repaired and lighted.

—Provide sturdy hand rails.

—Do not carry a load that blocks your vision.

—Set ladders on firm footing. Follow 4 to 1 rule for straight ladders—set base one foot out from building or tree for every four feet up.

—Keep materials and tools well secured and within easy reach.

—Wear shoes with non-skid soles and heels.

—Do not work up high when the weather is windy or stormy.

—Do not work in a high place when you are ill, tired, or taking strong medicines.

—Allow no one to ride on the draw bar or towed machinery.

—Stay clear of running machinery so that an accidental slip or stumble won't throw you

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According to the Lancaster County Unit of the ACS, the complete "how-to-do-it" kit is available from the office, telling young people and their parents how they can easily conduct a benefit cancer carnival. The free kit contains posters, instructions and supplies to stage a local, neighborhood program to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Persons interested in conducting a carnival may obtain a free kit by writing to or telephoning Mrs. Charlotte J. Reinhold, Field Representative, at the Cancer Society's office, 625 Manor Street, Lancaster.

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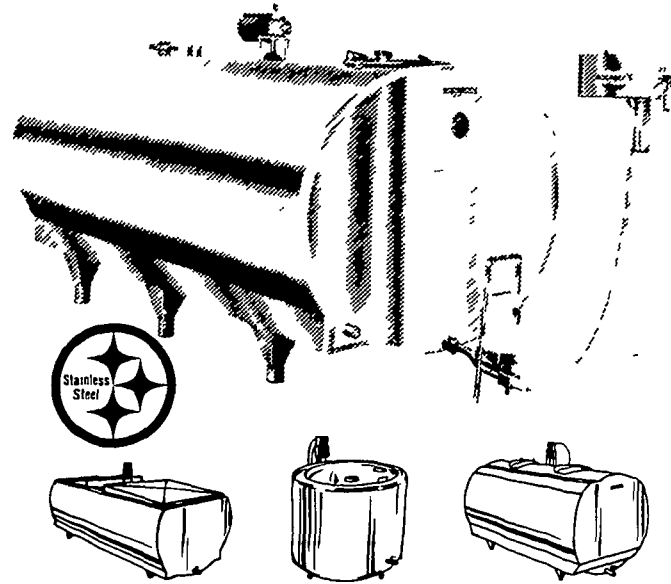
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