

Non-Working Children Interactive Activity

Instructions: Each table will be given an injury incident that “recently happened in your community”. Your organization, along with others in your network (participants at the table) have been asked to develop an intervention for the community. You have 30 minutes to draft your intervention. These scenarios are based on real incidents pulled from AgInjuryNews.org. Some incidents have been embellished for the sake of this activity.

Note: We understand you will not be able to plan the entire intervention during the time allotted. Using the guidelines below, do the best you can to outline or draft the intervention in the time available. You will be sharing your results with the group.

Your intervention will need to

- Be tailored for your “target audience” (defined with the scenario)
- Involve the “community”
- Use the logic model template provided
- Include information on injury and fatality incidents in your area, such as
 - How common are child ag injury/fatality incidents in your “area”?
 - What injury agents (causes) should be addressed in your intervention?
 - When/how are they most likely to happen?
- Address prevention measures
- Use the appropriate resources

Resources included in Workbook/Bag

- PowerPoint Slides
- Logic Model Template
- Agricultural Safety Brochure (NCCRAHS Brochure)
- Safe Play Booklet
- 2018 Child Ag Injury Fact Sheet
- A Roadmap for Delivering Child Care in Agricultural Communities
- ATV Rack Card
- Tractor Posters (Bury a Tradition Poster, 75 lb. Child Poster, Quality Time Poster)
- Cultivate Safety Posters (I AM, I Am Raising, We Are)

Additional resources you may want to use:

- AgInjuryNews.org
- SafeAgritourism.org
- CultivateSafety.org

Table 1 – 11-year-old boy hospitalized after ATV accident

HINTON, Iowa - An 11-year old is seriously injured in an ATV accident in Hinton.

The Plymouth County Sheriff tells us the boy was riding a Honda Rancher (420 cc) with a friend this afternoon when his ATV suddenly went out of control and crashed into a farm building.

The boy is hospitalized tonight at St. Luke's hospital here in Sioux City with multiple serious injuries. Family members said the youth has been driving the machine for three years, and he was experienced driving it. This is the first serious accident he has had, and they are unsure what went wrong.

Neighbors confirmed they have seen the youth driving ATVs for years. "In this area, all kids drive big ATVs. Farmers don't want to spend the money for the smaller machines, so the kids ride the big ones. It's a way of life,"

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The local government agency that deals with ATVs has reached out to you and asked you to develop some type of "intervention" to educate parents and other adults on the safe use of ATVs by children/youth under 18 years old. They indicated they will partner with you for the training, but want you/your organization to take the lead and plan it out.

Table 2 – Toddler Killed After Falling From Tractor

A tight-knit farming community in northern Wayne County is mourning over the loss of a toddler who was run over by a farm tractor Monday afternoon.

Nicholas Wilcox was cutting hay with the tractor on a farm in Damascus Township when his girlfriend's son, 23-month-old Zevrix Hyde, apparently leaned up against an enclosed cab door and fell to the ground, state police Trooper Bill Satkowski said. Zevrix was fatally crushed by one of the tractor's rear tires in the 5 p.m. incident near Arnold Hill Road, about a half mile from state Route 191. The boy was pronounced dead at the scene by Wayne County Coroner Carol Lienert.

The boy's death is under investigation, but the ruling is expected to be accidental. "It was an unfortunate incident," Satkowski said. "There was no criminal intent that we can see. There doesn't seem to be anything truly reckless."

Efforts to reach the victim's mother and father, Bridget Hyde, 21 of Damascus, and Ashton Hannel, 24, were unsuccessful. The couple announced their baby's birth on Sept. 24, 2008, according to Scranton Times-Tribune records.

Mike Turner, a relative of Wilcox and fellow volunteer firefighter said the community never expects things like this to happen, even though farmers often let their young children ride along with them on tractors. When he and about 20 other members of the Equinunk Volunteer Fire Department arrived on the scene, they encountered family members and friends who were in a state of shock, Wilcox, of Damascus, also is a member of the Equinunk Volunteer Fire Department. Members planned to meet at the firehouse Tuesday night to discuss the incident.

Other community members expressed disbelief and sadness, but acknowledged that other young children have come close to tragedy on the farm and under similar circumstances. Ron Myers of Cold Springs said he knows of another local 2-year old boy who almost got accidentally run over by a tractor being operated by a family member. "You're in farm country;" Myers said, "The kids want to be with daddy on the tractor."

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This is the second incident of this type in this community in the last year, and you have been asked to develop some type of educational campaign or intervention to educate the community on how to prevent similar incidents from happening in the future. The community strongly believes that these types of incidents are rare and accidental. You've been asked to educate the community without "offending anyone".

Table 3 – Blueberry farm fined in 9 year old's death

Erik Garcia, the child of a migrant worker, died after he was accidentally run over by the truck his father was driving while harvesting blueberries at Bowerman Blueberries, Ltd., in Park Township.

The U.S. Department of Labor said today that the farm had employed Erik and his 11-year-old cousin to collect blueberries in strict violation of federal minimum wage laws and fined the farm. Labor Department spokesman Brad Mitchell said he hopes the \$11,175 fine, which he called typical for these types of violations, is a wake-up call to other farms. "The fine is to discourage people from breaking the law," Mitchell said. "There are probably far too many youngsters working in this kind of labor."

After the accident, Carol Bowerman, one of the farm's owners, said that Erik had been with his father, Salvador Garcia-Lopez, a crew leader on the 23-acre farm. She said the farm did not allow children to work, and Erik was not an employee.

Garcia-Lopez was not fined or otherwise sanctioned by the government for the accident. Even if parents allow their children to work, "the employer is the one who is ultimately responsible" for following federal labor law, Bruce Wisner, head of the agency's Wage and Hour Division office in Grand Rapids, said. A child doesn't have to be paid to be considered a worker.

"The department is committed to ending abusive child labor," Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman said in a written statement. "I am deeply saddened that once again the failure to obey our child labor laws has cost the life of a young child."

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In the community where the Garcia family was living, the only child care services available are too expensive for the Garcia family. In addition, the child care center does not open until after the parents have been working for two hours and close well before the Garcia family is done for the day. Other families in this community are in the same situation.

The death of this child has sent an emotional shockwave through the community, and you have been asked to develop a plan to help prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future. It has been left up to you to determine how best to proceed.

Table 4 – Horse Bolts, Tramples 1-Year-Old (NY Amish farm)

Authorities say a 1-year-old girl is expected to make a full recovery from injuries suffered when she was trampled by a horse on her Amish family's farm in the Mohawk Valley.

State police tell The Daily Gazette of Schenectady that the accident occurred Sunday while the girl's parents were milking cows at the farm in the Montgomery County town of Palatine, 45 miles northwest of Albany.

Troopers say the baby was on a small cart while her siblings played nearby. One of the children was playing with a horse that grew skittish and bolted from the barn.

Police say the horse tripped over the cart and stepped on the baby.

The girl was taken to Albany Medical Center, where she's being treated for broken ribs and a lacerated liver.

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This is the third incident that has happened in this community in the last two years, and you have been contacted by Child Protective Services and asked to develop an intervention to help prevent these injuries from continuing. The social worker who is working with the family and the Amish community has indicated that the community is open to this type of education, but that it "has to be done right". He asked that you ensure the event is consistent with their "culture".

Table 5 – 1 Dead, 22 Injured When Maine Hayride Flips

A Halloween-themed hay ride careened down a hill in the Maine woods and crashed into a tree, fatally injuring a teenage girl and leaving more than 20 other people hurt, police said Sunday.

A 17-year-old girl died of injuries sustained when the Jeep hauling the hay wagon lost control Saturday night, state police spokesman Stephen McCausland said in a statement. Two others, a teenage boy and the driver, were hospitalized in critical condition. A mechanical problem may have contributed to the accident, authorities said. The accident occurred during the Gauntlet Haunted Night Ride at Harvest Hills Farm in Mechanic Falls, about 25 miles southwest of Augusta. The farm, which also features the popular daytime attraction, Pumpkin Land, remains closed while police investigate.

The flatbed trailer was being pulled near a haunted house when it apparently missed a turn at the top of a hill, Androscoggin County Sheriff Guy Desjardins said. "The trailer jackknifed and the Jeep went off the road," Desjardins told the Portland Press Herald. "We're talking about a very narrow dirt road, but extremely steep." He said the trailer struck a tree, throwing its passengers to the ground.

Authorities said 22 people - ages 15 and older - were on the trailer at the time of the accident. Sgt. Joel Davis of the state fire marshal's office said every passenger on the hayride was injured in some way. "I've never witnessed a single incident that resulted in so many injuries," said Desjardins, who told the newspaper he has been with the sheriff's department for 19 years. He said some of the victims had minor injuries but others sustained more serious injuries to their backs, necks and limbs. Two were airlifted by helicopter and the rest transported by ambulance.

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The farm owners of agritourism operations in the area are increasingly concerned about the liability associated with injured visitors. They have approached you and asked you to do a one-day safety workshop that will help them learn how to prevent these types of injuries.

Table 6 – Young child works on farm machinery and injuries follow

Cullen Schachtschneider, 6 years old, lay bleeding beside the barn, tangled up in a 4,600-pound farm machine that had ripped his left leg apart. As Cullen's father was using the loader — called a skid steer — to feed cows, Cullen clambered aboard, and his foot slipped. The machine's hydraulic bucket bit into Cullen's left leg and tore it from knee to ankle, ripping off tissue as easily as someone slipping off a glove. The boy's father, jumped off the machine and frantically called 911. Two years earlier, Cullen's brother Kholer, 8, had driven the steer into his older brother, Maric, sending him to the hospital. Now another child was hurt.

If the family business were medicine or construction, there would be little chance of a kindergartner wielding a scalpel or shingling a roof. But on family-operated farms, children as young as 5 grow up in the driver's seat of machines many times their size, doing work that is deeply embedded in rural traditions but that also contributes to injuring thousands of children and teenagers every year and killing an estimated 100 more. At a time when industries and some rural residents have rallied behind the push to roll back an array of regulations, the debate over safety standards on family farms raises difficult questions about the line where personal responsibility should end and government oversight should begin.

Questioning whether a child should be riding in a tractor or playing in the barn is no easy thing in rural communities. Generations of farm children have woken before dawn to feed livestock and do chores that families call a sacrosanct part of life. It is a way of passing on lessons about hard work, responsibility and the pulse of the land that their children will some day take over. In addition, with prices plummeting for wheat, dairy and other products, smaller, struggling farms are under intense financial pressure, and entire families are pitching in to survive. "These kids help," Cullen's mother said. "They are our hired hands."

On the Schachtschneider farm, the boys started learning early. Their father said he taught his two older sons, Maric and Kholer, by letting them sit in his lap as he drove the tractor or skid steer across the farm. "It's like an extension of you," he said. "If you're around it, you've got to teach them. They need to know because they're there. Otherwise, they'd get hurt worse." Running the equipment became second nature to the older boys, their father said. But accidents still happened. Two years ago, when Kholer struck Maric with the skid steer, Maric spent a week in the hospital and came home in a wheelchair, said the boys' mother.

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This incident is the latest in a series of child ag injury incidents that have happened to children doing farm chores. Community leaders are increasingly frustrated, as the incidents continue to happen. You and your team have been asked to develop an intervention that educates the community on preventing these types of injuries. You have been expressly asked to consider the "sensitive nature" of this problem when designing your intervention.