



# Childhood Agricultural Safety Network

## Join Us!

Our goal is to save lives. The Childhood Agricultural Safety Network (CASN) is a coalition of more than 100 organizations that work together to help keep children safe on farms. CASN members represent various sectors of the agricultural industry, child injury prevention, minority-serving associations and other related organizations.



Membership is FREE! Visit [cultivatesafety.org/casn](http://cultivatesafety.org/casn) for more information.

## CASN Online Community




Our online community belongs to all CASN members and serves as a dynamic alternative to traditional one-way mailing lists. CASN members can stay informed about news and events, educational opportunities, presentations, topical polls and social conversations. Join the community to join the conversation! Visit [childagsafety.org](http://childagsafety.org).

Visit topic areas and post and engage in online discussions about topics like:

- ◆ Child Ag Injury Incidents
- ◆ News and Announcements
- ◆ Child Ag Safety & Health Resources
- ◆ CASN Campaigns
- ◆ Meetings and Events

## CASN Campaigns

CASN creates and releases campaigns, with each tailored toward a specific area of child safety and health. These campaigns include free distributable materials and action points to help raise awareness about the often understated dangers to children on farms.

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|  <p><b>ATVs and UTVs</b></p> <p>Whether you are riding to work or riding to play, please ride to live by being safe.</p> <p><a href="#">Learn More</a></p> |  <p><b>Tractors</b></p> <p>YOUR 75 LB. CHILD<br/>IS AS CLOSE AS<br/>YOUR 10,000 LB. TRACTOR</p> <p>In just seconds, a child can fall off and be crushed by the tractor wheels or a pull-behind implement.</p> <p><a href="#">Learn More</a></p> |  <p><b>MEDIA GUIDELINES</b><br/>BY AGRICULTURAL SAFETY</p> <p>Photos and videos are often used as "attention getters," but sometimes "cute" is unsafe.</p> <p><a href="#">Learn More</a></p> |
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## A Story of Loss

The Boomsma Family of Yankton, S.D., lost their 7-year-old son in a tractor-related incident at a relative's farm in April 2017. Jaxon was an extra rider. The Boomsmas decided to tell their story ([marshfieldresearch.org/nccrahs/storytelling/jaxon](http://marshfieldresearch.org/nccrahs/storytelling/jaxon)) in order to prevent other families from going through a similar tragedy.

"I know how hard it is to say no to a child, especially when it's something they love to do like ride a tractor, but we all have to say 'no,'" said Troy Boomsma, Jaxon's father and a territory manager with Pioneer Seeds/Corteva AgriScience.



The Boomsma's are not alone. Since Jaxon's death, there have been many other fatalities involving children and tractors. Here are a few:

- A 4-year-old girl in Connecticut died after getting trapped in the rotating blades of a farm machine attached to her father's tractor.
- A 9-year-old boy died after falling off a tractor that was pulling a mower. The boy was sitting on the lap of his father.
- A 12-year-old girl died in a tractor rollover along with the adult operator of the tractor. They were pinned under the machine.
- A 10-year-old died after falling from a farm tractor. The boy was riding on the tractor's fender when the tractor hit a bump. A family member was driving.

CASN members work together to help prevent agricultural-related injuries and fatalities to children and youth. Founded in 1999, the coalition now boasts over 170 members, representing 100+ organizations.

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## Why Join CASN?

- ◆ Stay abreast of the latest news in the world of child ag safety and health
- ◆ Easy access to collaborators with similar interests
- ◆ Free technical assistance
- ◆ Access to free resources and information
- ◆ Extends reach when promoting and disseminating resources
- ◆ Free to join

Want to join CASN?

Simply reach out to Marsha Salzwedel at [salzwedel.marsha@marshfieldresearch.org](mailto:salzwedel.marsha@marshfieldresearch.org) OR request to join the CASN online community at [childagsafety.org](http://childagsafety.org)



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