

## HAYRIDE SAFETY

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With Fall festivities set to begin, it is important to consider the following safety measures when planning a **hayride event**.

### 1. SUPERVISION

- a. Adult supervision must be present.
- b. Safety instructions must be communicated to riders, (e.g., keep all parts of the body inside the wagon at all times).

### 2. EQUIPMENT

- a. Tractor and wagon must be in good repair.
- b. Wagon must be equipped with sidewalls  $\geq 42$ " with all openings  $\leq 4$ ".
- c. Consider a chain connection back-up between the wagon and the tractor.

### 3. DRIVER

- a. Driver must be experienced and over the age of 25.
- b. Driver must complete a pre-trip safety inspection checklist.

### 4. ROUTE

- a. Route must be pre-planned and pre-inspected.
- b. Avoid busy roads, steep grades, and bumpy terrain.

### 5. SEATING

- a. Riders must be seated with hands/arms/legs kept inside wagon at all times.

### 6. LIGHTING AND VISIBILITY

- a. Tractor must have headlights and hazard lights on, and rear lights to illuminate the wagon.
- b. Adult volunteers should have flashlights ready for use.

### 7. SPEED

- a. Speeds should be kept low and main roads avoided.

### 8. COMMUNICATION

- a. Driver, supervisors, and spotters must establish a means of communication.

### 9. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

- a. A first aid kit must be present.
- b. Develop an emergency action plan with critical phone numbers that may be needed.

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