

KIDSAFE VICTORIA

FARM SAFETY

CREATIVE COMPETITION

EARLY CHILDHOOD PACK



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Farms are a unique environment as they are often both a workplace and a home.

The farm environment provides many positive experiences and opportunities for young children. However, they also contain many dangers and potential injury hazards including machinery, vehicles (e.g. tractors and motorbikes), animals, water hazards (e.g. dams, rivers, creeks and animal drinking troughs) and poisons (e.g. pesticides).

In 2019/20, 394 Victorian children aged 0-14 years were treated in hospital as a result of an injury sustained on a farm

Kidsafe Victoria is running the [Farm Safety Creative Competition](#) to raise awareness of farm safety among children and their families. As part of this year's competition, we are now inviting Victorian children aged 3 to 5 years to get involved and enter a creative submission in our newly added 'Early Childhood Category'.

Children are encouraged to gather their craft materials, get thinking about farm safety and create a collage based around this year's theme, 'Think Farm Safe, Be Farm Safe'.

The competition provides an opportunity to engage young children to learn and discuss farm safety issues in an engaging way. Creating a collage is a great way to develop children's fine motor skills while also providing an opportunity to experiment with different shapes, colours and textures.

Not only will children get to learn about the importance of keeping safe on the farm by participating, there are also fantastic prizes available for winning entries!

This project is proudly supported by the Victorian Government through the [Smarter, Safer Farms Program](#).

HOW TO ENTER

- 1** Discuss potential safety hazards in a farm environment and why it is important to stay safe on farms with your child/ren. Check out our farm safety resources linked in this pack to help you get started.
- 2** Choose your farm safety focus topic that relates to the theme, “Think Farm Safe, Be Farm Safe” (e.g. water safety, poisons safety, supervision).
- 3** Create a collage based on the chosen farm safety theme. Children can also add a message or title to their collage.
- 4** [Download an entry form here](#). One form is required to be completed for each individual entry.
- 5** Email your entry form and entries to info@kidsafevic.com.au by Friday 5th November 2021.

If you have any questions about the competition, please contact us via info@kidsafevic.com.au



HOW TO CREATE A COLLAGE

A collage is an activity that involves cutting and pasting different craft materials onto a sheet of paper. With the assistance of an adult, children can also add to these by writing farm safety tips or messages beside their creations.

Preparation:

Make sure you are prepared with all the right items to get started. These include:

- An A3 or A4 sheet of paper
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- A range of collage materials (e.g. pictures cut out from magazines or newspapers, scraps of paper, fabric or ribbon, pipe cleaners, pencils to colour in/write/draw and ice-cream sticks)



Ensure that you have a sturdy piece of paper for the base of the collage. Thicker paper is less likely to fall apart once you start gluing your materials on. Gather all your materials and plan your final design. Do this by laying out the different materials on your paper without gluing them on. This will allow you to see if everything fits on the paper and if anything else needs to be added. Use different colours, shapes and textures to make your collage stand out!

Please be mindful of any items that could pose a choking hazard to children.

To help you get started on your collage, download our cut-out sheet from the link below. This includes farm images that you can print, cut out and colour to use for your collage.



[CLICK HERE](#)



KEY DATES

Entries OPEN: Monday 19th April 2021

Entries CLOSE: Friday 5th November 2021

Winners announced: Week commencing Monday 22nd November 2021

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- The collage can be presented on either an A4 or A3 sheet of paper.
- Scan collage entries to send via email. A high quality photograph will also be accepted if scanning is not possible.
- Please use the following format to name the file:
Creative Competition_Name_EarlyChildhoodCategory

PRIZES

1st	\$100 GiftPay voucher & Junior Workwear Early Learning Toys
2nd	\$50 RHSports voucher & Junior Workwear Early Learning Toy
3rd	Junior Workwear Early Learning Toy

Competition prizes have been generously donated by:



RESOURCES



Farm Safety Checklist

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Safe Play Area

Is there a securely fenced safe play area for children?	YES	NO
Is the safe play area separated from farm machinery, animals, bodies of water and other hazards?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the area visible from the house?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there adequate shade and interesting things for children to do?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there 'out of bounds' rules in place so that children know where they are not allowed to play?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Vehicles, Machinery & Bikes

Are children appropriately restrained when travelling in vehicles on the farm?	YES	NO
Is there a rule that children never ride in the back of ute/trailers or as passengers on tractors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are children taught to keep away from tractors and machinery?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are keys removed from tractors and machinery and stored where children cannot access them, when not in use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a rule that children under 16 years cannot drive or ride as a passenger on quad bikes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all children and adults over the age of 16 who are allowed to use quad bikes, properly trained and do they use appropriate safety equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Animals

Are animal pens and stockyards inaccessible to children?	YES	NO
Are children always supervised when near animals or when riding horses?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are children only allowed to ride horses suited to their age and riding ability?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do children wear the appropriate safety gear when riding horses?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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A Parent's Guide to Kidsafe Farms

For more child injury prevention resources, please visit
www.kidsafevic.com.au

