**PRE-TRIP INSPECTION OF EQUIPMENT**

A vehicle or equipment pre-trip inspection will take about 10 minutes and can save time, money and lives. This is one important task that can detect any damage, leaks, or faults with the vehicle or equipment that could interfere with the safe operation and increase the life span of the vehicle or equipment. Most common vehicle and equipment failure is due to overheating, misuse or abuse, and computer or electrical failure.

Use a pre-trip inspection checklist for the vehicle/equipment to remind you of items to check and document the condition of the vehicle/equipment before operating for the day. Visit the [Farm Safety Nova Scotia](https://farmsafetyns.ca/) website to download your templates

**Costs associated with operating faulty equipment and vehicles include:**

**You don’t need to be a mechanic to conduct a pre-trip inspection. The inspection may include:**

A daily pre-trip vehicle or equipment inspection will make it easier to identify and manage maintenance issues early before they turn into problematic downtime, equipment or property damage, injury, or expensive repairs.

**PRE-TRIP INSPECTION OF EQUIPMENT – DISCUSSION RECORD**

**Agenda:**

* Is there are pre-trip inspection process on the farm for tractor, forklift and vehicles?
* Is there a method to document the pre-trip inspection?
* How are deficiencies reported if found on the pre-trip inspection? Is there a repair form?

Comments or safety concerns as a result of the discussion or observed since the last rally?

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Follow-up to concerns raised at previous rally?  
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Action Items?  
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Near Miss/Incidents/Unsafe Acts/Conditions to Report?

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Topics recommended for future Rallies: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Thank the rally members for their participation.**

**Quiz Answers:** 1. T, 2. F, 3. T, 4. T, 5.

**TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE**

1. Machinery failure is usually due to one of the following: overheating, misuse or abuse and computer or electrical component issues failure.  True or False

# 2. Injuries happen on the job and most of the time, they are not preventable.

True or False

3. By regularly checking equipment, you can decrease downtime and improve productivity. True or False

4. A pre-trip inspection reduces the chances of equipment operated in an unsafe condition.

True or False

5. What would you do?

You complete the pre-trip inspection on the tractor and notice that the lights are not working properly, they are blinking instead of staying on. You need to be in the field with the seeder as rain is coming and it is a dark morning. You tell your supervisor that the lights need to be fixed but he says there is no time to fix them and tells you to get to the field. Do you go to the farm owner or still go to the field?

**Attendance RECORD**

\*This is to acknowledge that I understand and agree to actively participate in the safety meeting.

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