



This Home Safe Home Discussion Guide is designed to facilitate conversations with your peers, colleagues, friends, and/or family about safety in the agricultural setting.

From the very beginning of this project, we hoped to share stories that are authentic and relatable. Home Safe Home captures the stories of real people who experienced real injuries. In almost every case, the injury could have been prevented.

We often hear people say, “it won't happen to me.” However, injuries happen far too often to workers who said those same words. Workers can prevent tragic outcomes by preparing for the worst-case scenarios. In all three stories, you will hear people mention how a serious injury or fatality would have tragically affected their loved ones and their businesses. They also share lessons learned and steps they have taken since the incidents to prevent future incidents.

We hope that these discussion topics will help you work towards an open and honest dialogue around safety in your workplace to help prevent future injuries and fatalities. The SAFE (Stop, Alert, Foster, Encourage) 4-part framework can help guide a fruitful discussion and inform future outreach and education.

SAFE Discussion Guide

STOP

The characters in the story talk about injuries that could have been prevented had safety procedures been in place.

1. What were the main factors that led to the injury?
2. Why is it sometimes challenging to practice safety procedures at worksites such as a family farm or ranch?
3. How can we encourage agricultural workers to use safety practices that prevent illness, injury, and fatality?

ALERT

All these stories involve family operations. Family ranches often include their children who help with various tasks.

1. What should someone do if they notice an unsafe situation?
2. How should you educate your children about dangers on the farm or ranch?
3. Why is it important to call out an unsafe situation when working on the farm or ranch?

FOSTER

It is mentioned in all three stories how children or grandchildren are taught safety procedures while working or playing on the farm.

1. How can you foster an attitude of safety on the farm or ranch?
2. Why is it important to create a culture of safety?
3. What would it take to convince you or someone else to start working safer?

ENCOURAGE

Those in agriculture often work long hours and face various challenges. Time and weather are often stacked against them, causing them to work faster to get the job done. Additionally, help isn't always available when it is needed the most.

1. How do these challenges contribute to farmers' overall well-being and ability to work safely?
2. What are ways in which we can reach out to our community when experiencing the stress or pressure of everyday life?
3. How do we continue to raise safety awareness and encourage stress management?