

CHUTE SAFETY ON THE RANCH

The safety of yourself, your help, & the animal being processed should be top priority

Most common injuries

- contusions, cuts, abrasions and broken bones to employees and livestock.

Communication between workers and pre-inspection of equipment can help provide protection from injury.

Protect yourself & others

1. Make sure you and your help are trained to handle livestock
2. Plan your work and routes
3. Designate roles to help that they are familiar with
4. Replace old chutes and equipment
5. Slow down and take your time

4 basic areas of a chute that are inherently hazardous:

- Head gate
- Side squeeze
- Side exit/access
- Rear gate

5 basic principles of cattle:

- they want to see the handlers
- they want to go around handlers
- they want to be with and go to other cattle
- they want to remove pressure
- they only have one main thought at a time



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