

CHECKLIST ✓

Some precautions to be taken before working with bales on the farm

Safety check	Y/N
<p>A risk assessment for work involving bales is carried out, including checking & discussing with persons involved with the work;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● equipment to be used and its condition, ● experience, training and competency of all operators, ● a traffic management plan prepared, understood and implemented by all working and present on the farm, ● ensure no pedestrians are present in the vicinity of work activity, ● risks and what could go wrong, ● controls or safe systems of work to be used including safe stop procedure, ● safety of those not involved in the work, and ● actions in case of emergency. 	
<p>Children and other pedestrians are kept away from areas where bales are being moved or stacked or they are under close supervision by an adult not involved with the work.</p>	
<p>A safe work area has been identified where bales are being moved to or stacked (with sufficient room to manoeuvre, even well drained ground, away from overhead power lines, free of loose/trailing twine or plastic).</p>	
<p>All bale handling equipment is suitable for the task and maintained in good order.</p>	
<p>A SAFE STOP procedure is used at all times when dismounting from tractors and loaders when moving bales or removing wrapping (handbrake on, stop engine, remove key).</p>	
<p>A safe stacking method is used.</p>	
<p>A safe system of work is used to ensure that bales will not fall or topple over when removing bales from storage locations.</p>	
<p>Safe methods are used for loading bales on and off trailers or trucks avoiding work at height (with no overloading, using secure straps).</p>	
<p>Loads are moved or transported at safe speeds on the farm and on public roads.</p>	
<p>Brakes and lights on tractors, trailers, loaders, trucks are adequate and in good working order.</p>	