

AIAC Child Safety in Agriculture

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Child deaths and injuries

- 7 Children died in agriculture related incidents in 2005-2006, and
- 1 Child operating a tractor in a farm garden
- We are aware of 2 major accidents
 - A fourteen year old run over by his 12 year old cousin
 - A five year old run over by his granddad

Working with stakeholders

- WFU
- Farmcare
- CEVAS
- Local initiatives
 - Sparsholt college (England)
 - New Holland & Simply the Best (Wales)
 - Turriff Academy (Scotland)

Enforcement

- 2 prohibition notices
- 1 prosecution

Research

- Baseline research undertaken by ADAS to identify number of children living and working on farms
 - 49% have child visitors
 - Under 12's work packing fruit
 - Evidence of children operating tractors & other machines in contravention with PACAR
 - HSE contributed to TGWU project through inspector secondment

Reporting Injuries

- Two Key Concerns
 - Misinterpretation of RIDDOR
 - Underreporting

What is the Sector doing?

Raising awareness through communications

Press articles

Watching brief over all child accident & incidents drawn to HSE's attention, and monitoring

Liaison with other interested parties

Influences outside HSE?

- Increasing websites relating to child safety and accidents
- New legislation: The local safeguarding Children Boards Regulations 2006
- European Health & Safety Week Young Persons (23-27 October 2006)
- Child accident prevention week (19-25 June 2006)
 - lead by charity (capt)
 - sponsored by dti, DfT, DoH