

**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION AND EXECUTIVE  
AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**A PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE CHILD SAFETY PROJECT GROUP**

**Summary**

1 This paper provides a progress report on the work of the child safety project group.

**Background**

2 The objective of the group was to investigate how children of both farmers and farm workers as well as those of visitors to farms could be protected from illness and injury.

3 The group would look at alternative approaches ranging from a coordinated campaign to a multi-organisational approach.

4 To build on the previous work done in this field by other organisations and the desire to reduce the risks to children and young people.

**Progress**

5 Several meetings have been held at NFU HQ with a view to reviewing action so far undertaken, opportunities and needs for the future. It has become obvious during these meetings that rather than launch a new initiative the important focus needs to be renewed sensitivity towards child safety issues within existing approaches.

6 In this way it was acknowledged that the best approach would be for each participating organisation to look at ways of promoting child safety through its own area of activities. Support would be sought from interested organisations and or bodies who supported the actions but would not be able to take an active

part. Such support would provide the much needed resource to take actions forward.

### **Action/ Recommendation**

7 The NFU will continue to bring together the Child Safety Group on an ad hoc basis, and at least annually, to ensure all organisations retain focus on this important aspect of health and safety on farms.

8 Our next meeting to be held in the New Year. This would ensure that consciousness is raised ready early in the farming year and when children are most likely to be at risk.

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