

## Emergency Preparedness

**Objective:** Students will identify and post a listing of emergency numbers and directions to the farm by all telephones.

**Concept:** It is important to have everyone in the family be prepared in case an injury occurs on the farm. One potential location where dangers lurk is in the livestock barn. Placing a phone and a list of emergency phone numbers in the barn could prevent an incident from becoming a tragedy. Carrying a cell phone is also an option.

**Targeted Age:** Elementary

**Materials:**

- ▶ Emergency telephone number form
- ▶ Permanent markers
- ▶ Plastic (clear contact paper)
- ▶ Cell phone

Have emergency numbers available for the children to identify which are appropriate for them. Cover the forms with clear adhesive plastic to make them weatherproof. Discuss ways to quickly find emergency numbers on a cell phone.

The farm directions will require more adult supervision. Help the children come up with clear, concise and accurate directions to their farms.

**Q: Why are emergency numbers important on the farm?**

**A:** People living on farms are often a long way away from medical assistance when accidents happen. The sooner help arrives the better the chances of survival. Farm injuries are often severe, seconds count if an injury involves a lot of bleeding. Having emergency numbers and directions to the farm can be the difference between life and death.

HOME PHONE	_____
ADDRESS	_____
911/RESCUE	_____
FIRE/POLICE	_____
DOCTOR	_____
HOSPITAL	_____
POISON CONTROL	_____
PARENT'S WORK PHONE	_____
NEIGHBOR'S PHONE	_____
DIRECTIONS TO YOUR FARM	_____
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