Making a Difference

Your role as an instructor for the Gearing Up For Safety program is a serious one that will bring with it significant responsibilities. What you teach, or don’t teach, can have a big impact on future skills, behaviors, and attitudes of the youth you are teaching. At the completion of the “Gearing Up” training, some of the youth in your class, those ages 14 and 15, will be eligible to be certified for employment operating tractors and some hazardous machinery.

Your valuable instruction will contribute towards reducing the potential for injury as these young people begin work.

For more information about the “Gearing Up” Curriculum:
See sample curriculum online at: http://www.gearingup.info

To learn more about Ag Safety visit: http://www.agsafety4youth.info

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This CD-ROM is designed to provide an instructor with the necessary tools for organizing and conducting a production agriculture safety training program for youth to meet the current training requirements under the law. The material covers both tractor and machinery operation, as well as safety information on ATVs and skid-steer loaders.

This program, administered through the Cooperative Extension Service (4-H) and agricultural education training programs nationwide, meets the current safety training regulations prescribed under the Agricultural Hazardous Occupations Order (AgHOs). A glossary, containing hundreds of technical terms each with a color image and brief description, allows quick access to definitions of new or unfamiliar terms. Also included on the CD are all of the necessary evaluation tools to assess each student's knowledge of the curriculum materials, ability to perform a pre-operational safety inspection, and ability to safely operate a tractor through a standardized obstacle course.

The 11 Units
1. General Safety Overview
2. Tractor Basics
3. Pre-Operational Procedures
4. Basic Tractor Operation
5. Tractor-Powered Implements
6. Other Self-Propelled Equipment
7. Operating on Public Roads
8. General Maintenance & Repair
9. ATV/Utility Vehicle Safety
10. General Farm Site Hazards
11. First Aid and Emergencies

Program Leader’s CD-ROM includes:
- Suggested teaching aids to be assembled prior to teaching the lessons.
- A list of the core competencies that each student should master.
- A set of suggested graphics in electronic format for presenting key points.
- Lesson content outlines that include supplemental background information.
- Activity worksheets designed for use during classroom discussion or in conjunction with the student CD.
- Selected review test questions.
- PowerPoint presentations.
- A collection of more than 75 farm injury examples that can be used for classroom discussion.

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