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### **FARMERS URGED TO STAY SAFE THIS FESTIVE SEASON**

Farmers and their families are being urged to stay safe this festive season, Minister for Better Regulation Matt Kean said today.

As the Minister for SafeWork NSW, Mr Kean said a few common-sense steps could help ensure farmers provide a safe environment for visitors who may be less familiar with life on a working property.

“Bringing family and friends together on the farm at Christmas time is one of the great highlights of rural living,” Mr Kean said.

“While visitors to the property may be in holiday mode, it’s important to remember that a farm remains a workplace with many potential hazards.

“This is particularly relevant for young children who may not understand potential dangers, which is why farmers should set clear rules so visitors are aware of any hazards and know how to stay safe.”

Mr Kean said quad bikes were one of the biggest risks on NSW farms.

“Quad bikes are not toys – in fact, they’re one of the leading causes of death and serious injury on Australian farms,” Mr Kean said.

“Don’t let children operate or be carried as passengers on farm quads and ensure adults are trained, and always wear a helmet.

“Also keep a close eye on children and don’t allow unsupervised access to dangerous farm machinery like silos, stockyards or chemical stores.”

Mr Kean said every farm-related fatality and injury has a devastating impact on rural families and communities.

“That’s why we’re urging NSW farmers to take steps now to ensure everyone on the farm has a safe Christmas, and a happy and healthy New Year,” Mr Kean said.

For further information on how to make the holiday season safe, visit the [farming page](#) on the [SafeWork NSW](#) website or call 13 10 50.