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Farmer crushed by tractor

19 December 2019

Incident overview

A farmer died after being crushed by a tractor when trying to jump-start it at a property in Coolabah.



Incident scene

The investigation

- SafeWork NSW inspectors responded to the incident.
- SafeWork NSW commenced an investigation to determine the cause and circumstances of the incident.

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Safety information

Businesses are reminded of their duty to identify hazards and manage risks to health and safety in accordance with the provisions of the [Work Health and Safety Act 2011](#) and [Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017](#).

Consider 'reasonably practicable' control measures to manage the risks associated with working on tractors. Make sure:

- the tractor is routinely inspected and maintained according to the manufacturer's recommendations or, if none, the recommendations of a competent person
- all work on the tractor is done by trained and suitably experienced workers, according to the manufacturer's recommendations
- interlocking devices that prohibit jump-starting are in proper working condition, and not bypassed or removed
- you don't jump-start the tractor unless the manufacturer has given you specific procedures.

Further information

- [Code of practice for safe design and operation of tractors](#)
- [Code of practice for managing the risks of plant in the workplace](#)
- [Agriculture work health and safety sector plan](#)
- [Tractor safety precautions](#)
- [Small business rebate](#)
- [Managing the risks of machinery in rural workplaces](#)