

DAIRY SHED SAFE WORK PROCEDURE

DO NOT use any equipment unless you have been instructed on its safe use and operation and have been given permission

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



Wear suitable hand protection.



Long and loose hair must be contained.



Ensure you are aware of the location of the First Aid Kit



Sturdy footwear must be worn at all times in work areas.



Clothing is appropriate for the Milking.



Rings and jewellery must not be worn when working with plant.

DO

- ✓ Familiarise yourself with the Dairy Shed.
- ✓ Retain written evidence of staff induction, supervised training and competence assessments.

PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- ✓ Plant is setup correctly.
- ✓ All gates and yard are setup.
- ✓ Hoses are tucked away to avoid trips.
- ✓ Check equipment appropriate for use.

OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- ✓ Milk Vat area prepared and clean.
- ✓ Milk Cooler is clear and setup.
- ✓ Vacuum System all clear.
- ✓ Gumboots have adequate tread to prevent slipping.
- ✓ Ensure adequate lighting for morning and evening milkings.
- ✓ Watch for any slippery surfaces.
- ✓ Make sure all rails are intact.
- ✓ All guards are in place on moving parts e.g. belts and rotaries.
- ✓ Check pipes and joins to make sure there are no leaks or weaknesses.
- ✓ Make sure any steps are kept clear of obstacles.
- ✓ Good hygiene must be followed at all times.
- ✓ Beware of flying objects e.g. cow hoof or side swipe from tail.

HOT WATER

- ✓ Is the hot water at the correct temperature and water supply of good quality?
- ✓ Make sure the hot water tap is safely guarded.
- ✓ Ensure that procedures are in place for working with hot water.
- ✓ Clearly identify hot water taps.
- ✓ Fix warning signs next to hot water risks.

ENDING OPERATIONS AND CLEANING UP

- ✓ Clean the milking plant so no trace of milk deposits etc.
- ✓ Milking equipment left in a clean and sanitised state.
- ✓ Leave the equipment and work area in a safe, clean and tidy state.
- ✓ Make sure the dairy shed floor is clear.
- ✓ Filter sock removed and rind off or replaced? Milking area clean and free of soil, manure or milk residue?

POTENTIAL RISKS AND INJURIES

- ⓘ Eye & face injuries.
- ⓘ Trapping risks.
- ⓘ Crushing risks.
- ⓘ Cuts and abrasions.
- ⓘ Electric shock.
- ⓘ Repetitive strain injuries.(RSI)
- ⓘ Noise.
- ⓘ Back / Muscle Strain.
- ⓘ Burns.
- ⓘ Leptospirosis.
- ⓘ Inhalation of Fumes.
- ⓘ Chemical Storage.
- ⓘ Confined Spaces.
- ⓘ Animals.

DON'T

- ✗ Do not use faulty equipment. Immediately report suspect equipment.
- ✗ Attempt to operate any equipment if you are not trained.

This does not necessarily cover all possible risks associated with this equipment and should be used in conjunction with other references. It is designed as a guide to be used to compliment training and as a reminder to users prior to equipment use.

This information is based on material published in manufacturers operating guides