



**LIFE &
WORK**

BE CAREFUL OF
OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES
IN AGRICULTURE
PLANT
PRODUCTION



The employer is required to inform you of all risks you can encounter at your work in plant production.

In recent years the number of injuries in the agricultural sector has been twice higher than the average for all other sectors in the Czech Republic. The greatest risk is posed by work with tractors, freight wagons, tools and mechanical equipment (e.g. plows, seeders, potato planters, spreaders, spraying units, harvesters and combine harvesters or grain harvesters, conveyor belts) which risk capturing limbs, and other specialized machinery. Pay particular attention to the following:

- Be careful when entering and exiting the cab of a machine! Use handrails/supports – there is a risk of falling from a height, being struck by construction machinery, etc.
Be careful!
- The repair and maintenance of machinery shall be carried out only on machines that have been turned off. Nevertheless, it is necessary to be careful to prevent slipping, sustaining injuries by tools or by the edges of machinery. There is also the threat of being crushed by trailers or unsecured parts of machinery.
- When in charge of handling materials while on a flatbed truck/trailer with sides, we must pay attention to proper procedures while loading materials on the flatbed truck/trailer so that they do not fall on you, that you not get buried under bedding or feed, or fall from the surface of the truck/trailer.
- We do not jump onto nor from a truck/trailer while it is moving!

- When connecting or disconnecting and changing machines, we always use protective gloves in order to reduce the risk of getting your hand or foot caught in something and injuring one's hand or fingers.
- When starting the engine, driving and riding on machinery, we must fully concentrate on the activity being carried out. When driving where the driver's vision is obstructed, we use the help of a second person. When backing up we make certain that no one is standing behind the vehicle. On sloping terrain we follow proper procedures to prevent the vehicle from rollover.
- We sufficiently secure the vehicle when stopping (we set the brakes, we chock the tires), so that it does not begin rolling on its own and cause injury or material damage.
- When opening and closing the door of the cabin, we pay attention in order not to endanger ourselves or anyone else!
- When working with machines that harvest beets, corn, feedstuff, we approach the mechanism only when the engine of the machine has been turned off!



