

Farm Safety Forums

Safe Cattle Handling in Pastures & Feedlots

Why It Matters:

Cattle can be **unpredictable and dangerous**, causing injuries from **kicks, crushes, and trampling**.

Key Safety Points:

- Stay **calm and quiet**-loud noises and sudden movements can startle cattle.
- Always have an **escape route** when working in enclosed areas.
- Use **proper handling equipment** (gates, chutes) to guide cattle safely.
- Be aware of **bull aggression**-never turn your back on a bull.
- Wear **sturdy boots and gloves** to prevent foot and hand injuries.

Real-Life Risks:

- Many farm injuries happen when cattle **unexpectedly charge or kick** workers.
- Several **fatalities occur each year** from trampling in feedlots or confined spaces.

Discussion Questions:

- What are the biggest challenges when handling cattle on our farm?
- How can we improve safe cattle handling practices?