

Roadway Safety for Slow-Moving Farm Vehicles

Why It Matters:

Farm vehicles on public roads pose a serious risk of accidents due to their slow speeds and large size.

Key Safety Points:

- Use SMV (Slow-Moving Vehicle) emblems and flashing warning lights when traveling on roads.
- Stay as far to the right as safely possible but avoid soft shoulders.
- Be extra cautious at intersections and blind curves where cars may not see you in time.
- When possible, move over to allow vehicles to pass safely.
- Know Wisconsin laws on farm equipment on roadways, including lighting requirements.

Real-Life Risks:

- Many farm vehicle accidents happen at dusk when visibility is lower.
- Speeding motorists often misjudge how fast they are approaching slow-moving farm machinery.

Discussion Questions:

- What are some risky roads or intersections near our farm?
- How can we make our farm equipment more visible to other drivers?