

As many well know, farming is one of the most hazardous professions in the nation, consistently ranking in the top ten most dangerous jobs. There are many reasons for this including the long hours, working around large and heavy machinery, as well as the extreme age ranges, and complacency that can happen when you live and work in the same place. If you are injured, the time away from your work, and the costs that are associated with it can be substantial. Because of this, a reminder about safety practices is always a good idea.

On March 6th, K-State Research and Extension, along with Kansas Farm Bureau of Ellis County will be hosting A.S.A.P, or Ag Safety Awareness Program. This program has been created with today's youth in mind, but open and important to all age ranges. Topics that will range from working around ATV's, skid steers, and heavy equipment. The program will also cover how to work around animals, as well as personal protection practices.

The program begins at 9 AM on March 6th and will run until 2:30. There is no cost to attend but RSVP's are needed for meals and snacks. Contact 785-628-9430 or email tam3@ksu.edu to register or for more information. Safety is an integral part of being a farmer and a good review is an important step to ensuring its practices on your farm.

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