

Hayrides

Hayrides can be great fun, but they can also pose great danger if basic safety rules are ignored. The following are minimum safety measures that should be maintained; they include, but are not limited to the following:

- Provide adequate supervision to prevent horseplay and to ensure that no one attempts to get on or off the wagon while it is moving.
- Avoid the use of public roads, roads with steep hills or with excessive curves - Where public roads must be used, require a follow-up vehicle with four way flashing lights (hazard lights).
- Sideboards and end panels are essential to prevent riders from sliding off.
- Riders must keep arms and legs inside the wagon to prevent injury from trees or brush.
- Proper lights – front and rear – are to be used at night.
- Experienced driver of vehicle used is a **MUST!** (tractors, trucks, horses, etc.)
- Only the driver should be allowed on the tow vehicle unless additional seating is provided by the manufacture.
- Speed should not to exceed six miles per hour.
- Be certain that you have a secure means of latching the wagon to the tow vehicle.
- Keep up with the proper maintenance of the vehicle and wagon–tractor PTO units should be monitored.

Most importantly: **COMMON SENSE – USE IT !!!**

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