

What Are The Laws?

Tractor and Machinery Certification is mandated by Federal legislation for any youth 14-15 years old working on a farm not owned or operated by the youth's parents or legal guardians and who are operating tractors over 20 PTO horsepower and/or certain farm equipment.

In Wisconsin, any farm youth under the age of 16 are prohibited from operating agricultural machinery on public roads unless they have completed a Tractor and Machinery Certification Course. A law signed by the Governor in 1998 sets a lower age limit at youth 12 years of age to become certified in tractor and machine operation.

What Can You Do?

You can make a difference in the farm injury problem that exists on Wisconsin farms by sending your children to the Tractor and Machinery Certification Course.

Some Facts For You To Consider:

- 82% of fatalities involving youth under age 16 result from agricultural equipment.
- Youth under age 14 are involved in nine times as many accidents per exposure hour of tractor driving than tractor operators 25-44 years.
- Youth under age 15 have higher accident rates for operating tractors on public roads.

University of Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating. An EEO/AA employer, University of Wisconsin-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and American with Disabilities (ADA) requirements.



2018 Tractor Safety Course

In 2018, the Tractor and Machinery Certification Course will be conducted on six (6) consecutive Saturdays beginning on February 17, 2018.

Testing will be conducted on March 24th, at the JP Coughlin Building, Room B.

Meals are NOT provided. Please make sure the youth has packed an adequate snack.

The Tractor and Machinery Certification Course is taught by adult volunteers from the Winnebago County area to meet the following objectives:

1. To provide youth with the means to develop positive attitudes toward tractor and machinery safety.
2. To provide youth with education on the basic principles of tractor and machinery safety.
3. To allow youth to acquire basic knowledge, ability and to develop safe work practices in the use of tractors and machinery.
4. To provide youth with education on how to identify and correct agricultural work hazards.
5. To provide youth with basic knowledge of farm chemicals and electrical safety.
6. To provide youth with basic first aid/first response information in the event of an accident.



2018 Farm Safety & Tractor Certification Course

Saturdays

February 17 — March 24, 2018
8:30 am to 12:30pm

February 17: JP Coughlin Building
Room B, 625 E. County Y
Oshkosh, WI 54901

February 24: Knigge Farm Shop,
4577 Poygan Rd, Omro, WI

March 3 : Omro Fire Station,
502 W Huron St, Omro

March 10: Stokes Farm Shop, 8382
Edgewater Ridge Rd, Omro, WI

March 17: Knigge Farm Shop
March 24: JP Coughlin Building, Room B

Registration Deadline:
February 9, 2018.

YOUTH MUST BE 12 YEARS OLD AT THE

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A Special Note To Parents

During 1998, the Governor signed a law establishing a minimum age limit of 12 for youth to enroll in the Wisconsin Certification Program. This means that a youth must be 12 years old in order to enroll in the course for the intent of certification.

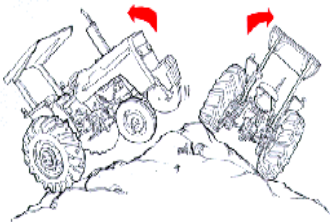
One parent or guardian must accompany his/her child to the first session. A short presentation on parent responsibility will be conducted at the beginning of this session.

This five week course meets state and federal requirements of 24 hours of training. To fully meet the requirement, **100% attendance is expected.**

Course materials and a written exam are targeted at youth who are 13-15 years old. Youth are also evaluated on how well they are able to reach and operate tractor controls on a simulated course during a driving exam.

Maximum enrollment is 20 students minimum to hold the class is 10.

Meals are NOT provided. Please make sure the youth has packed an adequate snack.



Assessing Your Child's Ability To Drive A Tractor Or Operate Machinery:

1. Age of Child

2. Physical Abilities

- Can the youth sit securely in the operator's seat and fully depress clutch and reach all controls?
- On seats with seatbelts, the child should be able to reach all controls.
- Does the child have the strength needed to shift, steer or hook equipment up to the tractor?
- Is the child able to turn and check behind them for traffic and still keep the tractor in control?

3. Cognitive Abilities

- Is your child able to recognize dangerous situations like driving too fast or turning too sharp?
- Is he/she able to think through situations quickly to avoid hazards?
- When given directions does the child follow them?
- If the child has difficulty paying attention for 15 minutes in a class, what could happen if his/her mind wanders while driving down the road?

4. Emotional maturity

- Does peer pressure cause him/her to show off or attempt things beyond their ability?
- Does the child become easily upset when he/she is unable to do something that he/she wants to do?

Every child is different. Preventing injury to your child may mean saying no and waiting until the child's abilities develop.

2018 Tractor & Machinery Certification Course Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Age as of 02/17/2018 Birthdate: _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Parent _____

The following information is used to enhance the programming efforts of the UW-Extension and is optional.

Gender: Male Female

Ethnicity: Hispanic Not Hispanic

Race: White
 Black
 American Indian/Alaskan Native
 Asian
 Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Please mail along with this registration form a check for \$35.00 payable to:

“Winnebago County UW-Extension”

and mail to:

**Winnebago County UW-Extension
Tractor Safety
625 E. County Rd. Y, Suite 600
Oshkosh, WI 54901**

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