

Farm Chemicals

Step-by-step – Setting up safety for use of chemicals on your farm

1. Getting started

Read through this information pack carefully.

Complete the Farm Chemicals **Safety Self-Assessment** (traffic lights) page.

Make a list of things to do and **set a date** to have each thing completed in the **Action Plan**.

Read through the information quickly again.

Pick a topic to discuss with staff or family at your next **workplace meeting** (you should have at least one safety topic each meeting).

2. Assessing the risks around use of chemicals on your farm

Task someone with making a list of all the chemicals used on the farm and where they are located.

Obtain the **Safety Data Sheet (SDS)** for each chemical and review the classification, storage, handling and use guidelines

Make any required **structural changes** you have identified and buy any **gear or Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** needed.

Arrange any ChemCert or other **training** needed.

Find out if you have **contractors** who are better equipped to use these chemicals.

3. Setting up your policy, processes and paperwork

Set up a **Register of Hazardous Chemicals** with each SDS attached.

Set up a **storage Manifest** (if a Manifest is required).

Set up relevant **Standard Operating Procedures** (including use of PPE) for tasks involving hazardous chemicals.

Put a copy of the Register and SOPs with the documents you use to **induct new staff or relevant contractors**.

Go through the arrangements you now have in place with staff or family at your next **workplace meeting**.

Sleep well - job well done

Resources in this section

- › **Information** about hazardous chemicals on dairy farms and legal obligations
- › **Safety Self-Assessment** for managing hazardous chemicals
- › **Template** for Hazardous Chemical Register

Information and templates provided in this folder are also available at

www.thepeopleindairy.org.au/farmsafety.

You can edit the templates to suit your farm.