



Water Safety Tips

Farms – Key Safety Tips

- A safe play area next to the house keeps children away from hazardous bodies of water.
- Adults should always supervise children when in and around dams, creeks and other bodies of water on farms.
- When walking around dams or irrigation channels, beware of slippery, overhanging or steep banks.
- Swimming in dams can be dangerous as the water is cold and murky and the floor can be muddy and slippery.
- Never swim in water tanks. They are deep and the sides are steep, making it difficult to get out.
- Store water-collecting items such as buckets and barrels safely (out of reach of children) and ensure they are tightly sealed.
- Check for objects hidden beneath the surface of inland waters before entering.
- Do not swim or play in sheep dips and animal water troughs.
- If your legs become tangled in reeds or weeds, stay calm and use gentle arm strokes to swim to safety.