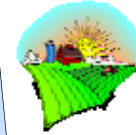


Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Machinery Certification Program

This 24-hour program includes:

- ✧ hands on instruction for tractors and farm machinery operation
- ✧ hazard recognition and correction
- ✧ general farm safety knowledge
- ✧ importance of positive safety attitude
- ✧ guest speakers



To successfully complete the course, youth must:
attend 24 hours of instruction and
pass written and driving exams.

Who should attend?

- ✧ 12 – 16 year olds who will be operating tractors or self-propelled farm machinery on public roads for their own family.
- ✧ 14- 15 year olds who need the federal certificate of training for employment on farm in accordance with Part 570, Child Labor Regulations, Subpart E1.
- ✧ Anyone desiring tractor and machinery safety instructions.

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.

The class is open to individuals 12 years of age (*at the time of their first class*) and older. The class will be taught by Columbia County UWEX staff, 4-H leaders, and agricultural instructors. All classes will be held at Portage High School except the Saturday, October 10th class, which will be held at Johnson Sales, Arlington.

Columbia County 2015 Tractor and Machinery Safety Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Instruction	Location
Saturday	Sept. 19th	9 am—3 pm	Bring Sack Lunch	Portage H.S.
Monday	Sept. 21st	6 pm—9 pm		Portage H.S.
Monday	Sept. 28th	6 pm—9 pm		Portage H.S.
Monday	Oct. 5th	6 pm—9 pm		Portage H.S.
Saturday	Oct. 10th	9 am—3 pm	Bring Sack Lunch	Johnson Sales
Monday	Oct. 12th	6 pm—9 pm		Portage H.S.

To Enroll...

 **2015 Columbia County
Tractor Certification Program**

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____
(*Must be age 12 by September 19, 2015*)

I have enclosed my waiver and check for \$20.00.

If you are interested in enrolling, please mail the above form, activity waiver and a check (*payable to Columbia County 4-H Leaders Council*) for \$20.00 to cover materials and snacks to:

Karen Nelson
Columbia County UW-Extension
120 W. Conant Street, Suite 201
Portage, WI 53901

Registration deadline is Thursday, September 10, 2015. The class will be limited to the first 24 paid students. If you have questions call Karen at the 4-H office at 608-742-9684.