

## Safety Alert

# Safe use of tractors

The purpose of this Safety Alert is to remind employers and workers of the risk associated with the use of tractors.

## Background

A male worker was recently killed on a mango farm located at Humpty Doo, south of Darwin. The deceased was operating a tractor when he received fatal crush injuries. The preliminary inquiry showed the tractor had travelled approximately 40 meters before crashing into a mango tree. The deceased was found several meters from the tractor. An investigation into this incident is currently underway.

## Action required

- Read and follow the manufacturer's operating instructions before operating a tractor
- Before starting, make sure the tractor is in neutral gear and the hand brake is on
- Always operate the tractor from a seated position. Adjust the seat so that all the controls are in easy reach
- Do not try to get down from a moving tractor
- If you need to get down from the tractor while the engine is running, make sure the hand brake is on and the gear is in neutral.

## Further information

### Information bulletins

- Tractor and Rural Machinery Safety

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