

Clark County Tractor and Machinery Safety Course

*An educational a program to enhance the safety knowledge and skills
for youth operating tractors and machinery on Wisconsin farms.*

Abbotsford / Colby Tractor Safety Course (held at Colby High School Ag Room) June 17 – 20, 2019 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (bring your own lunch)

This Tractor Safety Course Will:

- Provide youth between the ages of 12 and 16 with the necessary requirements to be certified for compliance under Wisconsin Act 455.
- Meet the requirements for the U.S. Department of Labor Agricultural Hazards Occupation Order for youth **14-15 years of age** employed on a farm other than their family farm.

This Course Includes:

- Hazard recognition and correction
- General farm safety knowledge and how to approach farm safety with a positive attitude

To Successfully Complete This Course Youth Must:

- Attend all classes—there will be no exceptions.
- Pass both the written and driving exams.

Who Should Attend This Course:

- Youth desiring tractor and machinery safety instructions.
- Youth 14—15 years of ages who need the federal certificate of training for employment on farms. This is in accordance with Part 570, Child Labor Regulations, Subpart E-1.
- Youth between the ages of 12 and 16 who will be operating tractors or self-propelled farm machinery on public roads for their own family.

Assessing Your Child's Ability:

There are some physical requirements for completing this course which will be covered in the next section. Before going on to the physical requirements, first ask yourself these questions.

- Is your child able to recognize dangerous situations like driving too fast or turning too sharp?
- Is your child able to think through situations quickly to avoid hazards?
- When given directions does your child follow them?
- Does peer pressure cause your child to show off or attempt things beyond their ability?

Physical Abilities:

- Youth must be able to sit securely in the operator's seat of a tractor with 40-60 horsepower (utility type tractor), fully depress the clutch and reach all of the controls. The tractors used for this course will have seat belts and they will be properly fastened for safe operation.
- Youth should have the strength to shift, steer, and hook-up equipment to the tractor.
- Youth will be asked to complete a driving course. They should be able to control the tractor and an attached two-wheel trailer or implement while looking to see if there is traffic around them.

Parent and Youth Responsibilities:

- Youth must attend all classes. There will not be any make-up work.
- Youth must take written and driving exam on **June 20**.

